

Experience Earth Day Camp



Eighty-one campers enjoyed the 6th annual Experience Earth Day Camp held at Slate Run Metro Park, July 6-8, 2005.

Experience Earth is a three day camp for Pickaway County students who have completed third and fourth grades. Pickaway SWCD and Pickaway Recycling and Litter Prevention are the co-sponsors. The goal of the camp is to provide participants with opportunities to experience the natural environment in Pickaway County. We feel the more we know about our surroundings, the more likely we are to be good stewards of our natural resources.

Campers experienced wetlands, pond critters, habitats, soils, 1880's farm life, and tree identification. On the first day each group created their own flag by stamping their painted hands onto the flag fabric. While at the Living Historical Farm campers did farm chores and made boats that they later floated on the pond. During daily craft sessions campers paint-stamped recycled bags, tie-dyed bandanas, and made recycled paper. Each camper received a camp t-shirt, water bottle, and a bag of activity books and other resource material.

On the last day, campers enjoyed Environmental Olympics where they competed in stilt relays, sack races, hoop rolling with sticks, leap frog, skin the snake, and corn cob tossing. All competitors received ribbons and a certificate at the end of the day.

The camp staff enjoyed the time spent with the campers and appreciated the help received from the 35 volunteers, 14 presenters, and the park staff who helped to make the camp run smoothly.



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