



YOUTH CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN ARKANSAS

CONSERVATION EDUCATION CAMP

- Funding- Grant to District through ANRC
- Age group- 7-11 years old
- Days of Camp- 3 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.
- Topics covered during camp
- Where to find activities
- Local and State Agency Participation

was given to Candace after Jan. 1 Board mtg

Grants to Districts

District Projects Grant Application for FY 2019 Due to ANRC no later than January 30, 2019

ORIGINAL

District name: Conway County Conservation District

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Contact person: _____

Project title: _____ Conservation Education and Outreach Program _____

Total project cost	\$3,600.00	Total amount of grant 2/3
of total project cost •	\$2,401.20	ANRC grant portion
1/3 of total project cost	\$1,198.80	Local district match portion

District match source: Local Funds, Pecan/Nut Sales, In-Kind Labor

Please list a brief project description, budget, work load and planned grant accomplishments:

Funds will be used to purchase supplies for various outreaches and projects by the Conway County Conservation District, such as conservation education camp. A 3-day day camp for students ages 7 to 11 years old. Each day of the camp the students will study soil and water conservation, forestry, wildlife, & alternative energy sources, such as solar energy, by using hand-on learning projects, crafts, experiments, environmental Educational games. Also, funds will be used in various community outreaches & schools by purchasing supplies that will be used in classroom that will teach about soil & water conservation throughout the year. In addition, funds will be used to secure booth spaces at multiple events through the county that will be used to promote conservation practices & get information out to landowners throughout about programs that can benefit their land and keep the drinking water safe, as well as purchases of materials & handouts for public speaking events such speaking on conservation issues at local civic clubs and other events.

FUNDING-GRANT TO DISTRICT

- Grants are 2/3 – 1/3
 - ANRC provides 2/3
 - District provides 1/3
- District has to provide a plan to use this money

TOPICS COVERED AT CAMP

- Soil layers- demonstrated using all edible layers
- Pollinators- Bees & Butterflies
- Recycling & pollution- reusable shopping bags and water bombs
- Edible Aquifers
- Wildlife- live animals brought by Arkansas Game and Fish and the Little Rock Zoo
- Tractor Simulator – Farm Bureau

SOIL LAYERS

- Chocolate Chips – Rock Layer
- Chocolate Cupcake (Crumbled)-
Sub Soil
- Chocolate Frosting - Soil
- Green Sprinkles - Grass
- Gummy Worm



HONEY BEES UP CLOSE



- Fellow Conservation District Employee brought honey bees in an observatory hive for the kids
- He talked to the kids about
 - Purpose of bees
 - Why we need to protect them
- Pollinator Game
 - Pollen - Yellow Pom Poms different sizes
 - Chopsticks to collect pollen
 - Bee Hives - Paint Wheels



POLLINATOR CONDOS

- White Coffee Mugs (Dollar Tree)
- Paper or Bamboo Straws (Amazon)
 - Cut in half to fit into the coffee mug
- Tacky Glue
- Twine (Any local craft store)
- Sharpies (Variety of Colors)



BUTTERFLY WATER & FEEDER



- Grapevine wreath
- Twine
- Terracotta saucer
- River Pebbles- for the butterflies to land on
- She added colorful plastic spoon
 - Food source (banana, strawberry, etc.)
- Fill with water, but do not cover river pebbles



REUSABLE WATER BOMBS

- 2 Sponges
 - Each sponge into 3 strips (Use a Rubber Band to Bundle 6 strips together)
- Scissors

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG

- Reusable shopping bags- Oriental Trading
- Paint and Brushes
- Sheet of foil inside to keep the paint from bleeding



EDIBLE AQUIFER

- Clear Cups
- Ice – Rock
- Ginger ale or Sprite – Water
- Ice Cream – Soil Layer
- Repeat Layers
- Food Coloring and Sprinkles – Pollution
- Straw – Drill

- As they drink through the straw the pollution seeps into the water table.



WILDLIFE

Little Rock Zoo



Sadie- Red tail
Hawk

Lincoln- Great
Horned Owl



Arkansas Game & Fish



TRACTOR SIMULATOR

- Simulates harvesting
 - Cotton
 - Wheat
 - Soy beans
 - Corn
- The video discusses Arkansas Crop Production



WHERE TO FIND PROJECTS

- Project Wet- www.projectwet.org
- Project Wild- www.projectwild.org
- Project Learning Tree- www.plt.org
- Pinterest- www.pinterest.com
- General internet searches

LOCAL AND STATE PARTICIPATION

- Arkansas Farm Bureau of Conway County
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Little Rock Zoo
- Crooked Creek Conservation District
- Arkansas Forestry Commission of Conway County
- Local Volunteers
- Local vendors might donate snacks for the kids
- Conway County Conservation District
 - Aimee Dawn Roberts- (501) 354-2000 ext. 3140