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Conservation's Power



Display included a small scale of a wind turbine and borrowed a small solar panel used for electric fences to use as examples of energy sources. I used the plant to represent biomass and add a little décor to the display.
Huntington County SWCD, IN

Schools

Free "Stewardship" materials U.S.D. # 214 school system. We have been doing this for several years and this year we have had the most response and orders. *Grant County, Kansas*

All students in Ralls County received Stewardship materials. *Ralls County, MO*

Distributed 1,000 SS book marks to schools within Bexar County. *Alamo SWCD #330, TX*

The Yellow Medicine SWCD offers children activities place mat and educational guides. *Yellow Medicine SWCD, MN*

Materials to the schools and to the public library. *Wolfe County CD, KY*

Presentations on "Conservation's Power to the elementary students (K-5th) in the Arco Idaho Schools using materials from the 2007 stewardship program. *Butte SWCD, ID*

Materials to six elementary schools the Grades 4-5 school booklets and asked them to do a less on energy. *Rockingham SWCD, NC*

The 4th Grade Farm Tour is held at a local farmer's homestead. The students get to see first hand the terrace systems, waterways, structures, wildlife areas, windbreaks, waste management facilities, and many more practices. We have six schools participate in the tours. *Monroe SWCD, MO*

Solar power activities (we have a small solar panel that runs a fan and a radiometer as well as water activities (the water cycle and enviro-scape watershed model) and soil activities (ground water flow model and soil absorption experiment) *Uinta County CD, WY*

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Distributed Stewardship Week literature to all Ralls County elementary students. *Ralls County, MO*

Provided Stewardship materials at Farm Education Conservation Camp for all Clinton County fourth grade students. *Clinton County SWCD, IN*

We gave PowerPoint presentations (from NACD) and handed out activity sheets on alternative energy (Conservation's Power) to two 6th grade classes. Also activity sheets on alternative energy to 5th and 6th grade students. *Upper Huerfano, CO*

Earth Day programs - one school 6th grade (180 students, 11 adults) and one public event (400+ people) - incorporated Stewardship posters, activity sheets, activity books and other materials and ideas into presentations. *Vanderburgh County SWCD, IN*

One of our special activities in our district this year for Soil and Water Stewardship Week, was visiting some of the elementary schools in the area, (Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classrooms) and reading to the children the energy story, The Tale of Annie Soakley. As the story was being read, the children made Water Cycle bracelets. We held a simple discussion on "What is energy?" This led up to doing an experiment with the children using a regular light bulb and a new compact fluorescent light bulb. We used two desk lamps. The children put a regular light bulb in one lamp and a CFL in the other lamp. We lowered each lamp down to a separate thermometer. After about 15 minutes we checked the thermometers. The degrees on the thermometer under the CFL was significantly lower than the other thermometer. We explained that the hotter light bulb was using more energy. Then we showed them the blue energy star symbol on the package of CFL bulbs and told them to look for that symbol when they are shopping with their parents. We also encouraged them to help save energy by asking their parents to buy the bulbs with the blue energy star symbol on the package. After the experiment, we gave each child a special sticker that we had designed which said, "I am Energy Smart!" We ended by giving out the Stewardship booklets, "Energy and Me" and bookmarks. We presented each child with a participation certificate signed by the board chairman with this year's theme, "Today is the day to be part of Conservation's Power!" The teachers were also given special certificates for being "Outstanding Conservation Teachers." We had a really excellent response from the children and the teachers. *Gulf Coast SWCD, LA*

We recently received a grant to purchase 2 solar/water Fuel Cell Cars. These cars come with a multi meter and we determined how much energy 3 different kinds of lights give off then we tested the sun. The kids loved this experiment as they were able to physically see the energy from the sun working. We spoke of the different kinds of energy, wood, wind, grains, corn etc. We spoke to them as if they are our future scientists. We cooked hotdogs in a Pringles can using the sun, we experimented with different color sheets of paper to see which melts an ice cube the fastest and used thermometers having a black piece of paper under one of them and spoke of the absorption of heat in those darker colors. We also used UV detection beads to show the invisible energy we receive from the sun. These beads are white until they detect UV rays then turn different colors. The kids loved this. We then handed out FSA/NRCS Energy Hero and NACD's Fuel for the Future. *Judith Basin CD, MT*

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Annual Meeting

Placemat/activities sheet for our Annual Awards Banquet. *Pendleton County CD, KY*

Placemats used at Annual meeting. *Vanderburgh County SWCD, IN*

Used the placemats to educate the public at our annual meeting. Had tree give-a-way to promote Stewardship Week and celebrate Arbor Day - partnered with Boy Scout Troop *Clinton County SWCD, IN*

Public Library and Summer Reading Program

250 activities sheets/placemats and 250 of the booklet "Fuel for the Future" to the Public Library for use in their Summer Reading Program. *Pendleton County CD, KY*

Bookmarks and activity sheets to libraries. *San Juan SWCD, NM*

Exhibits

Displayed NACD Poster in area libraries and Ralls County Court House's Bulletin Board. *Ralls County Missouri*

Attended Wetland Celebration 07 where we exhibited all the new Soil and Water Stewardship Week materials. Over 800 people with nine schools participating and going through the exhibits. This took place at the Bonne Carre Spillway and is arranged yearly by the Hurst Middle School and Mr. Barry Guillot of Destrehan, Louisiana. *Crescent SWCD, LA*

County Government Week - by putting up a display in the lobby of the Governmental Center featuring Conservation's Power. We have included with that a couple of great news articles that came out this week in our newspapers about conserving energy by switching to the fluorescent lights, etc. Our theme for the week in County Government is "Protecting the Environment." Display in our own building about Soil Stewardship and have also shared the poster/calendar with various offices in county government for display. *Rockingham SWCD, NC*

Displays at our government building, library, and a local organic co-op the Monroe Market. *Walton County SWCD. GA*

Churches

Free "Stewardship" materials to the Ministerial Alliance. We have been doing this for several years and this year we have had the most response and orders. *Grant County, Kansas*

All area Churches. *Ralls County Missouri*

We supplied litanies to all the churches in Clay County, Iowa for their worship services on May 6th. *Clay County SWCD, IA*

Stewardship Luncheon for Ministers within Atascosa County on April 19 and distributed 3000 SS program inserts as well as 37copies of the Church Leader Guide. *Atascosa SWCD #307, TX*

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Offered all churches in the county inserts. *Yellow Medicine SWCD, MN*

The Richland District also has over 20 churches participating in the traditional soil stewardship programs. They will be using the free publications that the District provides to spread the word to their members. *Richland County, OH*

Host a stewardship breakfast on April 28th for all the ministers and elected officials in the county. At the breakfast, the ministers will have available to them copies of the litany, program backs, bookmarks, etc. to take back to their congregations. *Wolfe County CD, KY*

Stewardship materials provided for 11 churches, highlighted windbreaks and tree plantings as energy savers. It included local pictures. I also used information from the Energy Savers website and the program booklet to give residents ideas of what they can do personally. The churches put them in the bulletins. *Crawford County, OH*

We invite all the pastors in our district to come and enjoy a Free Lunch and pick out what items they would like to have for the two (designated) Sundays, and then we order the material and give it to them at NO Charge. We usually have a 10 minute Power Point Presentation to show them what the district office and NRCS is doing. *Woodward County CD, OK*

Stewardship Packets to eight area churches. *Grant County CD, ND*

Litanies to county churches, *Rockingham SWCD, NC*

The churches received the litanies, sermons, and programs for their special services. They will each have a special on one of the Sunday to observe soil stewardship. *Monroe SWCD, MO*

Area ministers and church representatives were invited by the Hartley SWCD for a program on land stewardship and conservation. This year and in years past the Hartley & Dallam SWCD have joined together to bring the community together in this effort. After the Program on Conservation entertainment was provided by area talent including guitar players, fiddlers & singers. Along with the program we offer a Chuck Wagon Meal held on an area ranch site. *Hartley & Dallam SWCD. TX*

Distributed Stewardship Week literature to all area churches. *Ralls County, MO*

10 churches that will put the litany in their bulletins. *Palo Duro SWCD, TX*

Program inserts, litany sheets, and the church leaders guide were distributed to area churches for their use during Stewardship Week. *Logan County CD, OK*

Media

Area newspapers publish news Article informing public of STEWARDSHIP WEEK. *Ralls County Missouri*

Met with the Atascosa County Judge to have a picture made with her signing the Stewardship Proclamation. *Atascosa SWCD #307, TX*

News articles in the local newspapers. *Yellow Medicine SWCD, MN*

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Articles in the newspapers. *Monroe SWCD, MO*

Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts and sponsors provided Public Service Announcements and news releases to promote Stewardship Week. Address of the web site of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission: www.conservation.ok.gov
Several items posted there about stewardship week, including PSA's.

Mayor Bill Robertson signed a Stewardship Week proclamation for the town of Minden.
Dorcheat SWCD, LA

News articles the signed proclamation by County Judge Henry Bertram in the local Falmouth Outlook weekly newspaper. *Pendleton County CD, KY*

Stewardship materials for K – 5th grades to be used in the classroom. *Walton County SWCD, GA*

Stewardship media announcement made available to all 13 local media outlets. Newsletter articles. *Vanderburgh County SWCD, IN*
PSA announcement airing, made by a student from Hopkins Co. Central High School. *Hopkins County, KY*

Poster Contest

Promoted the Stewardship Week poster contest for students in grades K-12 with over 700 entries. Each class that participates has a first, second and third place winner. The first place winner's posters are displayed at the public library. A news release was prepared to alert Clinton County residents of the theme, contest results and where they might view the posters. The first place winning posters are going to be used to create a calendar for distribution in 2007!
Clinton County SWCD, IN

Introduced NACD poster contest to all Ralls County third and fourth grade students' materials and informed them of the theme, "Today is the day to be part of Conservation's Power". Will personally acknowledge poster contestants and winners at each school's awards assembly.
Ralls County Missouri

Used the Power Point Presentation for Youth to kick off their annual poster contest. *Butte SWCD, ID*

Winning posters are made into bill boards put up around the county utilizing free space when no one has rented billboards. Designs are also used on t-shirts *Lake County SWCD, IN*

All students in 3rd and 4th grade had an opportunity to compete in the National Conservation Poster Contest. *Ralls County, MO*

Poster Contest - 5th grade - 5 schools and 66 students participated - displayed in schools and local libraries
Poster Contest - 10 minute stewardship presentation for 5 schools classes - gave out booklets and activity sheets, poster etc - approximately 150 students and 8 teachers.
Vanderburgh County SWCD, IN

Packets of information are distributed to all Elementary Schools and Middle Schools/ Jr. Highs for participation in the poster contest, and information about the content of the theme. All classes that want to participate I present a Program to explain the theme's content and the
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guidelines for the individual posters. Posters are judged from Grades K- 9th by our staff. Each winning student in each grade level category receives a \$25.00 gift certificate and all of the participating students receive a certificate of recognition and some type of "treat." Usually, it is popsicles! If we have a winning student at the State Level, the student and the family are our guest for an overnight in Springfield at a motel and for the luncheon at the Awards Luncheon. Participation is usually about 220-250 students from 5-6 schools. *Whiteside County SWCD, IL*

Other

Richland Co. is holding a month long – Earth Stewardship Campaign where various adult and youth groups are doing beautification projects around the county and then we are holding an awards celebration at the local YMCA where participants will swim, and be recognized for their projects. All groups will then be highlighted in the news journal (local paper). We are also providing over 1500 free seedlings to local students. These students are participating in tree programming given by the District and then they will take a seedling home to plant. *Richland County, OH*

Display in a local business window. *Huntington County SWCD, IN*

Distributing 2007 Soil Stewardship Week bookmarks to our local library and activity sheets with soy crayons to our local hospital, dentist and doctor offices. *Grant County CD, KY*

Annual Soil & Water Stewardship Luncheon. We recognize individuals who have helped us with our programs and also invite local landowners and public officials. We serve catfish and all the trimmings and usually have 80 to 100 people present. We ask local businesses to assist in sponsoring the luncheon and in turn prepare a handout to include in the program for our guests. It's the one big thing our district does each year. *Saline SWCD, LA*

Conservation placemat/activity sheets which we are taking to 3 restaurants in the county to use next week. *Cherokee, IA*

Conducted an Alternative Ag Program (Spectacular Spring Spruce Up) featuring display tables addressing Soil Stewardship Week, Volunteer Week and Earth Day. *Grant County CD, ND*

We purchased 1,200 bookmarks. A few more than 800 of those were passed out at the "Ag Fair" that was held yesterday and today. The bookmarkers were put in a packet for the teachers to pass out to the students once they were back at school. The remaining bookmarks will be divided up among our directors. In the past they have taken them to their churches to be handed out to the kids, and even some adults. *Jim Wells County SWCD #355, TX*

Held a Stewardship Breakfast. Left over bookmarks and activity sheets were donated to the Floyd Co. Library. *Floyd County CD, KY*

Community Clean up day on May 4-5 in the town of Selfridge. Our district also distributed placemats, litany sheets, and information sheets about Stewardship Week. *Cedar SCD, ND*

Soil Stewardship information to all county schools, churches, senior citizens, and nursing homes. We have put in our newsletter and local papers. *Dewey County Conservation District, OK*

Placemat/activities sheet for our Annual Awards Banquet. *Pendleton County CD, KY*

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Local restaurant will be using the placemat/activities sheet during the entire 8 days. *Pendleton County CD, KY*

County Commissioner Chair is signing a Conservation pledge at a local elementary school for a picture in the paper. *Walton County SWCD, GA*

Placemats at our local banquet and leftover placemats will be given to the student centers on WTAMU campus and Amarillo College. *Palo Duro SWCD, TX*

We send a sample packet to all the churches and schools in our county that we know that would be interested in ordering any of the materials free of charge to them.

They in turn place their orders; we fill the orders and deliver the materials to them. This way, by delivering in person, we have the opportunity to talk briefly with whomever ordered the materials. We use the blank bulletin, litany, insert, and the three grades of education materials. I also order the place mats for our Annual Meeting and Lady Ag Seminar. *Iroquois County SWCD, IL*

The Conservation District takes advantage of the tree seedling - matching program with the Ky. Division of Forestry donating more than 2000 seedlings for distribution during Arbor and Earth Day celebrations annually. Peoples Bank, U.S. Bank, Community Trust Bank, Fleming Co. Public Library and the County Clerks Office as well as the Conservation District distributed seedlings to the general public for both events. *Fleming County CD, KY*

Stewardship week theme is used annual Conservation Awards Banquet. The District sponsored a poster, essay, coloring sheet, and educational display contest. All poster, essay, and educational display entries had to follow the current theme of "Conservation's Power. The students who had top entries in each category were invited to the annual conservation awards banquet where they were recognized for their efforts. The theme for the banquet was also "Conservation's Power". The posters, essays, coloring sheets, and educational displays were featured at the event. The NACD power point CD was shown for the educational portion of the program. NACD placemats, programs, and bookmarks were also used at the banquet. The NACD educational booklets "Where is Energy? and Fuel for the Future" was offered at one of the educational displays. *Logan County CD, OK*

Partnered with James Stephens Montessori School to help promote awareness by decorating brown grocery bags from 5 local stores in Ville Platte to be reused on Earth Day. There were 125 students that decorated over 300 grocery bags with cute topics on pollution, saving water, conserving resources and saving our planet, etc. During the three days of art work the pre-k and kindergarten classes discussed good stewardship practices to share with their families at home. The city of Ville Platte is promoting Soil and Water Stewardship with the mayor and Chairman Shipp proclaiming April 30th-May 6th, Soil and Water Stewardship Week and the theme will be displayed on several marquees in town. *Evangeline SWCD, LA*

Purchased energy efficient light bulbs to replace old incandescent light bulbs at the Vermilion Council on Aging facility in Abbeville LA. *Vermilion SWCD, LA*

Stewardship Meeting and Breakfast, to honor our Poster and Essay Contest Winners We also honored our 4th Annual Lee County Water Festival T-shirt art winners. The winners, their parents, teacher and principal were invited to attend. Government officials were also invited attended.

We had 140 for the meeting and breakfast. *Lee County, AL*

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Our district hosted a FISH FEST 2007 on Saturday May 12, 2007. The festival had face painting, food, games, educational booths, silent auction for adults, and a fishing derby for children. The event was a huge success and drew publicity for the district by the newspaper and KASO radio advertising the affair. Sponsor participation was outstanding. The educational booths contained abundant information pertaining to Soil Stewardship. Citizens and children alike were informed on how to be stewards of the land. *Dorcheat SWCD, LA*

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