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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the DEESC is to develop awareness in students that will inspire to create a sustainable interaction with the environment and its natural resources

Upcoming Events!

Fun With Recycling
 Boyceville Library
 June 28th @ 1 p.m.

Sand Creek Library
 July 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

Dunn County Fair
 July 26th—30th

June, 2017

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation Division (LWCD)

Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division (SWR)

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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Dunn Environmental Education Steering Committee (DEESC)

Welcome to our third edition of the DEESC newsletter. It has been three years since the inception of the committee that set out to make a difference in the education of the youth of Dunn County. Thank you to all that have supported us so we can change lives.

2017 Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest Highlights



The Dunn County Environmental Services Department-Land and Water Conservation Division held its annual Conservation and Environmental Awareness Speaking Contest in January of 2017. Sustainable conservation and zebra mussels were two of the topics that students focused on. Benjamin Styer took 1st place honors in the Senior Division at both the County and West Central Area Speaking Contests and represented Dunn County at the state level. Addie Christopherson received 1st place at the county level and represented Dunn County at the West Central Area Speaking Contest.

Accompanying the speaking contest was a poster contest with the theme, "Healthy Soils Are Full Of Life", which allowed the students to use their creativity and draw their interpretation of what healthy soils look like. Approximately forty students in grades 2-9 participated representing three schools. Alyssa Haseltine, representing Colfax Middle School, won first place honors at both the County and West Central Area Conservation Poster Contest and represented Dunn County at the state level.

If your school is interested in participating in these youth programs, please contact Chris (715-231-6540) or Janell (715-232-1496) at the Dunn County LWCD.

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Taking the Classroom Outdoors

Do you know the difference between soil and dirt? Is Garlic Mustard a native plant or is it a non-native invasive plant? What materials are recyclable in Dunn County? These are just a few of the things that 240 fifth grade students from Boyceville, Colfax, and Elk Mound learned during two separate Environmental Field Days hosted by the Dunn Environmental Education Steering Committee (DEESC).

Students were given the opportunity to experience hands-on learning at stations set up at both the Bjornson Education-Recreation Center near Knapp and the forest at the Elk Mound School District property on May 3rd and 5th respectively. Individuals from nine different agencies and non-profit groups shared their knowledge to make it a fun learning experience for the students.

A few of the activities that the kids participated in were building a soil profile and naming their soil; using keys and magnifying glasses to identify macroinvertebrates that live in our streams; playing recycling games to find out what materials can be recycled in Dunn County; learning about soil textures and colors; identifying native and invasive plants; and, discovering the circle of life in the animal kingdom.

Thanks! To everyone who helped us make the Environmental Field Days a success:
Wisconsin DNR: Jess Carstens, Shelby Kilibarda, Keith Krajewski, Matthew Molback, Rob Strand;
USDA-NRCS: Mike England, Tammy Pellett, John Sippl; Red Cedar Basin Monitoring Group: Ted & Lisa Ludwig; Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership: Kathy Stahl; Eau Claire & St. Croix County Recycling: Briana Goldbeck, Megen Hines; Dunn County ENS-LWCD: Lindsay Olson.



Girl Scouts Tour Transfer Station

Girl Scouts toured the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center on April 11, 2017. The girls asked some great questions about what items are recyclable and picked up a few recycling tricks. They enjoyed seeing the baled recyclables ready for shipment and were amazed at how heavy some of them were. After the tour, the girls participated in a "Recycling Relay Race." They fished for steel, walked on cardboard, lifted milk jug and water bottle weights, hula hooped, and weaved their way through cones. Free tours are available by calling (715)231-6538.

2017-2018 Upcoming Youth Education Events

Fun With Recycling

June 28 @ 1 p.m.-Boyceville Library
July 20 @ 6:30 p.m.- Sand Creek Library

Dunn County Fair

July 26-30, 2017- Menomonie

Chippewa Valley Farm-City Day
September 8, 2017- Augusta

Tri-County Land Judging Contest
October, 2017- Buffalo County

**Conservation & Environmental Awareness
Poster & Speaking Contests**
January, 2018 - Menomonie

"Education is not Preparation for Life; Education is Life Itself"

. John Dewey