



**DEESC Members:**

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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!**

**America Recycles Day**

Nov. 12, 2016 (2 - 4 p.m.)  
 Dunn County Transfer Station  
 E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie

**County Conservation Poster Contest**

Dec. 16, 2016 (Deadline)

**County Conservation Speaking Contest**

Jan. 31, 2017 (6:30 p.m.)  
 (Snow Make Up Day—Feb. 2)  
 Dunn County Community Services Building, 3001 US Highway 12 East  
 Menomonie

**October, 2016**

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 second edition of the DEESC newsletter. It has been two 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.

### 2016 Conservation Poster & Speaking Contests



Colfax Elementary Students Participated in the Poster Contest



Elementary Division (Left to Right):

Samantha Bowers - 3rd Place  
 McKensie Clementson - 2nd Place  
 Amelia Zebro - 1st Place



Junior Division (Left to Right):

Belinda Loew, Kayla Scholfield, Edward Doerr—3rd Place, Aza Knaack—2nd Place, Trey Hovde—1st Place; Dan Prestebak - County Conservationist

The Dunn County Environmental Services Department-Land and Water Conservation Division held its annual Conservation and Environmental Awareness Speaking and Poster Contests on January 21, 2016. Student’s speeches focused on water quality, nonmetallic mining, endangered species, and energy use.

Accompanying the speaking contest was a poster contest with the theme, “We all Need Trees”. The poster contest was open to students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Students from Colfax Public Schools submitted posters in three of the five eligible categories.

First place finishers in both the speaking and poster contests advanced to the West Central Area Land + Water Conservation Association’s Contest which took place in Eau Claire on February 10th. At the West Central Area contest, Trey Hovde finished second in the speaking contest and Sam Ralph placed third in his division.

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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Approximately 100-5th grade students from Boyceville & Colfax Schools attended the 2nd annual Environmental Field Day



## Boys & Girls Club of Menomonie

On July 27, 2016, approximately 34 children from the Boys & Girls Club of Menomonie spent the morning at Lake Menomin Park learning about water quality, aquatic species, and native and invasive plants.

## 2016 Environmental Field Day

The 2nd Annual Environmental Field Day was held at the Bjornson Education-Recreation Center near Knapp on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students were given hands-on opportunities to learn about stream health and monitoring; soil properties and tools used to develop a soil survey; how land management choices affect soil health; forestry assessments and tree identification; and, native and invasive forest plants.

## 2016 –2017 Youth Education Events:

- Jan. 21, 2016 - County Conservation Speaking & Poster Contests
- May 6- Environmental Field Day
- July 27- Boys & Girls Club of Menomonie Field Day at Lake Menomin Park
- Sept. 9 & 10- Farm-City Day at Alfalawn Farm in Dunn County
- October 6- Land Judging Contest
- Nov 12- America Recycles Day
- December 16, 2016—County Poster Contest Deadline
- January 31, 2017 - County Conservation Speaking Contest (Feb. 2, 2017—Snow Make Up Day If Needed)

## 2017 Poster Contest Theme



If you have an upcoming event or activity that you would like us to be a part of, please contact us:

- Dunn County LWCD (715)232-1496
- Dunn County SWR (715)232-4017
- USDA-NRCS (715)232-2614, Ext. 113

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”**

**. Nelson Mandela**