



Nez Perce Soil & Water Conservation District

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS

MAY 5TH – 6TH, 2010 ~ HELLS GATE STATE PARK

~ Agriculture - Livestock - Entomology - Wildlife - Forestry - Fisheries - Soils - Conservation - Geology ~
Everything a 6th grader ever wanted to know about natural resources! All in one field trip!



This year marks the 23rd annual Environmental Awareness Days event! For over twenty years the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District has sponsored this awesome natural resource field day for local sixth grade youth.

This year students from Lewiston, Clarkston, Culdesac, and Lapwai will get to experience hands-on learning as they participate in a wide variety of activities at Hells Gate State Park. Living through the life cycle of a salmon, discovering fossils down by the beach, touching real pelts and skulls of area wildlife, handling live insects from around the world... the fun and learning goes on and on!

“What is the difference between an herbivore and a carnivore?”
“Why are worms important?”
“What crops are grown here in Nez Perce County?”

Each student records their answers in a colorful resource booklet illustrated with artwork from their peers. By the end of the day, both books and brains are brimming with information and appreciation of the environment we live in.



Without the support from local businesses and volunteers this amazing event would not be possible. Last year local businesses and individuals donated almost \$600 in supplies and financial support and our wonderful volunteers put in 577 hours to run the program! Thank you Lewis-Clark valley for your support of youth education!

If you'd like to support this event by volunteering your time, making a financial donation, or donating supplies, please contact Kayla Dau at (208) 843-2931 or e-mail: KaylaDau@co.nezperce.id.us

Special thanks to last years supporters: Bumper's Arcade, Dairy Queen, Dominos Pizza, Happy Day Restaurant Corporation, Red Lobster Restaurant, Orchards Lanes and Subway!



Environmental Awareness Days May 5, 6 2010

Sponsor and Event Organizer: Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

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Donations, volunteers provided by:

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Red Lobster
USDA-Farm Service Agency
Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center
Nez Perce County Fair Grounds



Instructors:

Geology – Tom Walker, Lewis Clark State College
Agriculture – Phil Kaufman, Tammany area farmer
Conservation – Clark Christiansen, Idaho Department of Lands
Entomology – Frank Merickel, University of Idaho
Fisheries – Megan Wandag – Dworshak National Fish Hatchery
Forestry – Nez Perce County Committee Forestry Advisor Board, University of Idaho, Nez Perce County
Archeology/Stewardship – Alyse Cadez, National Park Service, Nez Perce Historical Park
Livestock – Kerry Sanford, University of Idaho
Soils – Brian Gardner, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission
Wildlife – Andrew Mackey, Clint Roby; Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Birds of Prey – Washington State University, Raptor Club

Participants:

May 5th, Wednesday

1. Whitman - Bowen
2. Whitman - Boerlocher
3. St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School - Tonia Jones
4. Highland - Bleitz
5. Culdesac - Smith
6. Highland – Dickerson
7. Orchards – Ward
8. Orchards - Harper
9. McSorley - Randy Foster
10. McSorley - Mary Jungert

May 6th, Thursday

1. Lapwai – Decker
2. Lapwai – Iris Chimburas
3. Centennial - David Hites
4. Centennial - Allen Hancock
5. McGhee - Brenda Hardin
6. McGhee - Gretchen Gleason
7. Webster - Courtney Kolb
8. Webster - Weber
9. Webster - Gomez
10. Parkway - Marney Bolen
11. Parkway –Toby Valdez
12. Grantham - Heath



Environmental Awareness Days May 5, 6 2010 Hells Gate State Park



Conservation of our nation's natural resources is important in every community. Habitats are all across North America and around the world in forests, grasslands, deserts, wetlands, arctic tundra, as well as right outside your backdoor and in your community. You too can adopt conservation habits that conserve water, provide shelter for animals, birds and insects, as well as increase their food supplies. Look for ways to be involved at your home, local schools or with community conservation projects.

Healthy habitats include native plants, water features such as ponds, wetlands and rain gardens. Planting native trees along stream banks to stabilize the soil, preventing soil erosion or planting native plants to attract pollinators makes you a good citizen and good steward of the land. 2010 marks the 23th year of the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District's Environmental Awareness Days event. Contact the Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District for a wealth of useful information.

Visit www.nezperceswcd.org for ideas on how you can create habitat in your community and additional resources.

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