



Wood Soil and Water Conservation District

Eye On Conservation

Ohio Envirothon Results

The 22nd annual Ohio Envirothon was held June 14-15 at Lake Erie College in Lake County for the top 20 teams from high schools across Ohio. The teams earned the opportunity to compete by placing in the top four at the five area Envirothons held in April and May. This year's theme was "Protection of groundwater through urban, agricultural and environmental planning."

The Envirothon is designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources among high school students.

The Envirothon tests students' knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. In addition, the Envirothon encourages cooperative decision-making and team building. While each student on an Envirothon team is challenged to contribute his or her personal best, the score that counts at the end of an Envirothon is the team score.

A team consists of five students, all from the same high school. An adult advisor (or advisors) must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during the competition.

Five "Area Envirothons" are conducted around Ohio late each spring. The top four teams from each of these Area competitions progress to the Ohio Envirothon in June. In 1996 the Ohio Envirothon was expanded to a 2-day event, incorporating a team presentation requirement that further challenges all participating students. The state level Ohio Envirothon is held in a different part of Ohio each year. The top-scoring team in the Ohio Envirothon is eligible to compete in the [Canon Envirothon](#), hosted by a different state or Canadian province every year.

In Ohio, the Envirothon is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Dis-

tricts (OFSWCD) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Natural resource and environmental specialists from many agencies, organizations, colleges, universities, park districts and businesses devise the Envirothon questions and staff the various test stations.

The Ohio Envirothon is financed by grants, donations from businesses and through contributions to the Don Rehl Memorial Envirothon Fund. Many local businesses also provide services and products in support of Area and Ohio Envirothons.

The top three teams were:

- 1st - Chardon Red
- 2nd - Ft. Jennings
- 3rd - Franklin

The Chardon team will represent Ohio at the international Canon Envirothon, August 1 - 7 at California State University in Fresno, CA



Hirzel Scholarship

Two recipients were recently selected for award of the 2010 John Hirzel Memorial Scholarship. Courtney Moenter will be a senior at OSU with a major in Agricultural and Extension Education. John Moser will be a junior at OSU with a major in Crop Science. Both students applied for the scholarship, which is awarded to a college junior or senior with a major in an environmental or agricultural related area of study. \$500 will be awarded to both of these recipients to further their studies. Congratulations Courtney and John! For more information on this scholarship, contact the Wood SWCD office at 419-354-5517.

Woodland & Wildlife Family Festival

Walt and Donna Lange invite everyone to attend the "NW Ohio Woodland and Wildlife Family Festival" on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Lange Tree Farm which was honored as Ohio's 2010 "Tree Farm of the Year". The Lange Tree Farm is located at 5893 CR 3 in Swanton, Ohio.

Come and enjoy the many displays, activities and sessions that will be offered. Spend an hour or stay for the entire event! For ADULTS there will be "Tree Farm" and "Green Tree Marsh" tours throughout the day and sessions and displays on: Tree ID, NW Ohio Windbreak Program, Growing Chestnuts, Emerald Ash Borer, Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens, Chainsaw Safety and many more.

You'll want to take time to check out the Native plants display, learn more about feeding birds, view art work by Paul Nofziger and George Carruth, of Garden Smiles Studio in Waterville and "swing" by to view a "swing blade saw" demonstration.

For the YOUTH and young at heart: Nature's Nursery will be available to share their wildlife rehabilitation program; take part in an "earthworm" survey; visit Bass Pro Shop for Archery; talk to the Toledo ZooTeens and make and take your own rope and "tree cookies".

Admission to Walt and Donna Lange's Tree Farm is FREE – take time to bring the family for an enjoyable day in the woods! The Woodland and Wildlife Family Festival is a cooperative effort between the NW Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts, OSU Extension, and the Ohio Tree Farm Committee.

See you and your family on Saturday, September 25!

Annual Meeting-A Soil Scientist in Ecuador...

Mark your calendars now for the annual meeting and banquet of the Wood SWCD! The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th at the beautiful Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids. Our guest speaker will be Frank Gibbs, area Soil Scientist who recently returned from a trip to Ecuador.

A Soil Scientist in Ecuador...

Frank recently had the great opportunity to travel to Ecuador where he spent most of a week visiting Farms and Jungle around Puyo.. Then, went high in to the Andes on the Colombian Border to help distribute about 150 used eyeglasses collected by Dayton area doctors who had visited the region earlier doing eye exams.

The last week was spent deep in the Remote Lowland Amazon. Frank says "Ecuador is like the 'Disneyland' of Soils, Plants, Animals, Insects, Birds and People...There are so many Eco Zones to create an incredible diversity of Life Forms...I saw some of the most beautiful Landscapes in the world and I saw erosion that was utterly unbelievable with people living on the edge of survival..."

Come to the meeting and see and hear all Frank has to share about his recent experience!

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. of Reservations _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:
Wood SWCD
1616 E Wooster Street, Box 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402

Seeking Farm Beautification Nominations

Each year, the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District presents one outstanding farm in Wood County with the Farm Beautification Award. The winning farm is chosen after considering such things as the condition of the buildings, condition of the lawn and garden, landscaping, absence of unnecessary equipment, and overall appearance.

If you have a farm in mind that you feel would be a winner, please submit your nomination by August 10, 2010 to Wood SWCD, 1616 East Wooster Street, Box 32, Bowling Green, wcdswcd@woodswcd.com or call the office at 419-354-5517. All nominations will be considered and the winner will be announced at the Wood SWCD's Annual Open House in September. To be eligible the nominated farm must belong to a working or retired farmer.

Attention Pre-School and Early Elementary Educators

Mark your calendars to attend a “Growing Up Wild and Project Learning Tree - Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood” workshop on Thursday, August 12. The workshop will be held at the beautiful Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will feature curriculum based activities for young children. The cost is \$30 and includes guides from both Growing Up WILD and Project Learning Tree.

Growing Up WILD is an award winning activity guide written especially for early childhood

educators. It features 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature based activities including crafts, art projects, music, reading, math connections and even snacks for children to make and eat!

Project Learning Tree Experiences for Early Childhood explores nature with young children and excites their imaginations! It features more than 35 activities for children and encourages them to explore, discover and communicate in expressive ways.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Girl Scout leaders, 4-H Cloverbud Advisors, Pre-School-2 Grade Teach-

ers, Cub Scout Leaders, Naturalists, Extension Educators or anyone who helps with programs dealing with this age group... PLEASE JOIN US! Bring some EXCITEMENT back into your teaching through this workshop!

Deadline is Friday, July 30 and is limited to 30 participants. For questions, please call Nicki Kale at the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District at 419-354-5517. The workshop is being sponsored by the Lucas, Ottawa and Wood Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Pond Safety Kits

The District currently has 6 safety kits available for sale. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis. After current stock is sold we will order more kits made by the Wood County Woodcrafters Guild.

Kit Includes:

- ◆ Box
- ◆ Deep Water Sign
- ◆ 50’ Nylon Rope
- ◆ 20” Ring Buoy w/ hook



Pre-drilled holes and bolts for attaching to your post (Post not included—4”x4” or 6”x6” pre-treated lumber recommended 8’-10’ length)

Mark Your Calendars...

<i>Wood County Fair</i>	<i>August 3-9</i>
<i>Wood SWCD Fall Fish Sale</i>	<i>Sept. 14</i>
<i>Nutrient Management Workshop</i>	<i>Sept. 15</i>
<i>Wood SWCD Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Sept. 16</i>
<i>Woodland & Wildlife Family Festival</i>	<i>Sept. 25</i>

Wood County Agencies

Wood SWCD	419-354-5517
NRCS	419-352-5172
Farm Service Agency	419-352-5171
OSU Extension Agency	419-354-9050
Wood County Commissioners	419-354-9100
Wood County Engineer	419-354-9060
Wood County Health Dept.	419-352-8402
Wood County Wildlife Officer	419-686-0295
Wood County Park District	419-353-1897

Cover Crops...

Even though cover crops have been around for a number of years, the interest in them seems to be on the rise.

The Wood SWCD and Henry SWCD will be hosting a joint Cover Crops Field Day in September, please watch for details.

This meeting will inform farmers on the benefits and how they can fit into your program.

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Come See Us at the Fair!
August 3 thru August 9th

Equipment For Rent

GREAT PLAINS DRILL FOR "CRP PRACTICES ONLY"

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2' row spacing
- Rental Rate is \$10.00 per acre/\$50 minimum
- Delivery Charge \$20.00
- Cleanout Charge \$25.00 (if applicable)

TREE PLANTER

\$25.00 First Day
 \$45.00 Each Additional Day

For More Information contact Jim Rickenberg at 419-354-5517.

Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$245.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 53.00
Pond Safety Kit**	\$110.00
Ring Buoy	\$ 45.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (price is per foot)	\$.25
Tile Probes	\$ 30.00
Soil Test Probe	\$ 56.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 2.00
Flags (.10 each)	
100 4x5	\$ 8.00
100 5x8	\$ 9.00
Rat Guard Prices	
4"	\$ 4.00
6"	\$ 6.00
8"	\$ 8.00
10"	\$ 10.00
12"	\$ 12.00
15"	\$ 21.00

***6 In Stock-First Come First Serve*

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