

Poinsett County Conservation District Conservation News

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Upcoming Events

- Northeast Area Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting to be held on May 27th at the Technology Center for the Delta in Wynne, AR
- Memorial Day: May 31st
- 4-H S.T.E.M. Day Camp in June. Contact Sharon Linder at the Extension Office 578-4490 for more information.
- FY2011 EQIP Application Cutoff is October 29, 2010

2010 Youth Conservation Workshop

The Poinsett County Conservation District and the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) conducts an annual summer Youth Conservation Workshop for students entering the 9th thru 12th grade from across the state. The date of the camp is June 27, 2010 until July 2, 2010 at Camp Clearfork, Mt. Ida near Hot Springs, AR. Students are nominated by the Poinsett County Conservation District to attend a week of outdoor hands on educational experiences dealing with natural resources. Life skills, water resources, forestry, soils, a farm tour and potential career opportunities are the emphasis areas with two \$500 scholarships and a laptop presented to the top participants each year. There is no cost to the participants except for travel to and from the workshop. Students will have multiple hands-on opportunities for learning conservation practices, water and canoe safety and team building. If you know of a student who would be interested in participating, they can stop by their high school counselor, local library or contact Brandy Gardner at the Poinsett County Conservation District office located at 505 Brooks Street in Harrisburg. More information about the workshop can be found at the AACD website at www.aracd.org under youth activities.



Beware of Utilities!

The Poinsett Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) often work with landowners, land users and contractors on projects in areas where utilities are located. Please be advised that the landowner, land user and contractor are liable for any damage to utilities or disruption of services caused by construction activity. The Poinsett Conservation District and NRCS make no representation of the existence or nonexistence of any utilities. Call Arkansas One Call at 1-800-482-8998 two (2) working days prior to construction so that buried utilities may be identified.




EARTH DAY 2010

Poinsett County Conservation District and Playschool Daycare Celebrate Earth Day! Brandy Gardner, District Coordinator, handed out Earth Day coloring pages to all the 5 year old classrooms and showed how to recycle a broken clay pot to make a frog house.



Thank You!

The Poinsett County Conservation District would like to thank the Harrisburg High School EAST Lab in helping to assemble the newsletter. They also plan to work with the Poinsett County Conservation District in future projects. The Conservation District supports their enthusiasm in pursuing new projects! Thank you HHS EAST Lab!!

	<p>RICE WELL COMPANY, INC. 301 N. Main-Harrisburg, AR 72432 New Wells, Underground Installations, Relifts, Repairs and All Irrigation Needs Steve Guzewicz 578-7570 Jeff Mross 578-7571</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Appreciation Of the Poinsett County Conservation District</p>
<p>Taylor & Stuckey  Poinsett Fertilizer <i>Service... Reliability... Excellence.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prairie City Farm</u> Supporting Conservation in Poinsett County</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lloyd & Nolan Evans supports the Poinsett Conservation District</p>
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USDA ANNOUNCES \$640,000 AVAILABLE FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 15, 2010 -- U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Mike Sullivan today announced the availability of \$640,000 for an Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) project approved and funded in 2009. AWEP funding will be used to install fuel and water monitoring equipment on an estimated 300 wells or relifts in all or portions of Arkansas, Clay, Craighead, Cross, Greene, Jefferson, Lee, Lonoke, Monroe, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski and St. Francis counties. "The additional funding this year allows us to expand last year's project area. We are focusing on counties identified as having a critical groundwater decline by the project's sponsors," Sullivan said. "By monitoring the fuel and water systems on these farms, we hope to improve water conservation and water quality on agricultural working lands in portions of Arkansas." AWEP promotes ground and surface water conservation and improves water quality by helping farmers and ranchers implement agricultural water enhancement activities. NRCS has agreed to partner with the White River Irrigation District in implementing this program which allows the Federal Government to leverage investment in natural resources conservation. "We will install devices on farmer's wells and re-lifts to measure the fuel usage, the water pumped, and the engine status. The information can be used to fine tune the pumping and reduce pumping costs by 10 percent or more in most cases," said Dennis Carman, chief engineer and director for the White River Irrigation District. The application deadline for funding consideration under this project is May 17, 2010. Interested Individuals should contact Poinsett County USDA NRCS office (870)578-2444 ext.3 or call the White River Irrigation District office (870-255-2202) located in Hazen, Ark., for additional information. A map of the area is available at www.ar.usda.gov/programs/awep_2010.

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