

2005 Earth Day Celebration at U.S. Army Garrison, Combat Support Training Center Camp Parks, CA

This year's Earth Day celebration at Camp Parks focused on student participation and involvement in learning about different aspects of the environment. On Earth Day, April 22, 2005, a class second grade students and parents from Montclair Elementary School, Oakland, CA, as well as students from Suisun were special guests of the Garrison.

The day was started at the Camp Parks pavilion where CSM Starmer-Smith greeted our guests and kicked-off a fun filled day of events hosted by the Garrison Environmental Staff.

The students were given terra cotta flower pots to paint their impressions of Earth Day.



Megan Chen and Kevin Shevlin taught the students how to make colorful rough paper sheets from used shredded paper.



Mike Strauss provided an exhibit and discussion of insects from around the world.





Lloyd Mullins and Megan Chen provided a demonstration on MRE's to show the students what soldiers eat in the field.

The Directorate of Plans and Training provided a bus and driver which then took the group to the range for a demonstration by Daniel Walsh and Megan Chen on Camp Parks' different soil types, wildlife, vegetation, live insects, and stock pond biodiversity.



The day was concluded with a trip to the Recycling Center for a discussion by Lloyd Mullins on the importance of recycling followed by a demonstration of the cardboard/paper-baling machine by Andre Stanton and John Billecci.

It was smiles all around as the student each received a “goodie” bag of recycled products consisting of coloring books, pencils, T-shirt, and recyclable lunch totes before heading back to Oakland.

Other Earth Day related activities also occurred at Camp Parks.



The Hazardous Waste Area was opened all day for amnesty turn-ins of all hazardous waste collected on post, and the Recycling Center was also opened all day for any recyclables to be donated.