

## Fort Polk Celebrates Earth Day in 2006

In recognition of Earth Day and Fort Polk installation's proud record of environmental stewardship, many activities took place during the week of April 22-29, 2006. All of the events were open to the public, and all participants were asked to bring one recyclable item for entry to the events.

The festivities began on April 22, with a 16 year old and under Children's Fishing Derby at Catfish Cove. About 20 hungry tagged catfish were caught and presented with a special gift. The demonstration on cleaning fish was a big hit for all the children.



Several displays were set up at the fishing derby to educate the children and adults on different topics by using games, pictures and hands-on experiments. The display topics included forestry, recycling, water, and native Louisiana fishes.



An Earth Day poster contest, sponsored by The Children's Environmental Awareness and Health Initiative (CEAHI) received a lot of participation. 73 posters and coloring sheets were entered from age groups 7-12 and 13-17. Each winner received a gift certificate from a local store.