

Earth Day at U.S. Army Combat Support Training Center and Camp Parks

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Michelle Gebel of the CSTC environmental dept. shows off the threatened species display

At the recycling booth, visitors enjoyed a wide variety of goodies made of 100% recycled materials (bags, pens, pencils, bottle openers, native seed packets, and lanyards). Children were given crayons and coloring books, which contained information on recycling and how they could do their part to prevent pollution and to reduce the waste of valuable resources. There were also informational handouts and a display showing the recycling efforts at Camp Parks.

Next to the recycling booth were the displays of the plants and animals that could be found at Camp Parks. Children, as well as adults, were fascinated with the types of creatures living on the installation. Several visitors pointed to the pictures on display, and cited their favorite animal. Questions about animals included the amount living at Camp Parks, the types of food they eat, the area on the installation they are located, and how long they had existed in the area.



Earth Day giveaways made of recycled materials



Camp Parks garrison Commander LTC John Cushman admires the flora and fauna of Camp Parks display

Aerial photographs sparked interest in many local residents, as they were amazed at the size of the installation near their homes, but expressed their understanding for the need to train soldiers. Visitors were impressed by the examples shown and explained how the environmental programs help the local community, the environment, and those who train at Camp Parks presently and in the future.