

Earth Day 2005

Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson, AK

Together Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson, Alaska, celebrated the 35th Anniversary of Earth Day with numerous activities including an open house and many school-related activities.

The Environmental Office at Fort Wainwright held an open house to promote recycling household waste items and changing to environmentally safer alternatives. In addition, the open house presented information on energy awareness, recycling, as well as the installation's well-known hunting and fishing program.

The installations also sponsored a number of hands-on activities for kindergarten through 6th grade students at local schools.

Several schools participated in a mock Hazardous Waste clean up using real dirty oil and cleanup materials. The students even got to dress the part by wearing Tivek suits and plastic gloves for the activity. Environmental Cleanup staff closely monitored the students who had a blast with this hands-on learning activity.

Environmental staff also took their Recycling Can Machine to several local schools. The machine paid \$0.01 for two Aluminum cans, the going rate locally. The students loved getting paid to recycle.

Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson also sponsored an Earth Day poster contest based on the Army Earth Day theme, "Sustaining the Environment for a Secure Future."

This year's Earth Day poster contest winner was Antonio F. Guzman of Ursa Major Elementary School at Fort Richardson. His winning poster was framed and hung in the Environmental Conference Room for all to see and admire. Antonio also received a free cabin or yurt rental for an overnight stay at the Eagle River Nature Center. All participants in the contest received a free kid's meal from Chili's.



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