

## Celebrating Army Earth Day 2007

Picatinny Arsenal celebrated Army Earth Day on April 19, 2007. The day began with a nature walk on one of the scenic wooded paths with a biologist from Chugach Industries, Inc., local first grade children and employees. The Arsenal's Day Care Center children joined the celebration by making paper butterflies symbolizing our need to keep our environment healthy and beautiful. All the butterflies were hung on a real tree representing our Earth. After the nature walk The Raptor Trust, a premier bird rehabilitation facility in the US, presented two live birds (hawk and owl) for viewing, discussion, and educational purposes.



Employees attending the celebration received tree seedlings, flower and vegetable seeds, and were entered into the Earth Day T-Shirt raffle. Representatives from the Van Pooling Program, Public Works Energy Efficiency Program, and Environmental Office answered questions and provided informational materials about what the residents and employees at Picatinny can do to make the arsenal proactive in protecting the environment. A group of Picatinny employees who care for and monitor the Bluebird Nesting Trail provided another eye-pleasing display and handed out free bluebird birdhouses and fact sheets.



Earth friendly recycled products and hybrid cars were on exhibit. The hazardous materials program, HAZMART, was open for the residents at Picatinny to turn-in their household waste. The CHOICES Cafeteria supported the day with a delicious outdoor barbeque which provided an



opportunity for everyone to enjoy a cooked meal on a beautiful spring day. Lastly, everyone who attended the Picatinny Earth Day celebration was educated not only on how to protect the environment at Picatinny, but also apply what they learned to where they live.

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