

Earth Day 2007 in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District, Grenada Lake

This year the Grenada Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebrated Earth Day on April 18th, 2007 by inviting 58 students from Kirk Academy's 5th and 6th Grade Classes to the Haserway Wetland Demonstration Area.



The Haserway Wetland Demonstration Area is a 330 acre interpretive area developed through a joint partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, NRCS, Ducks Unlimited, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps Forester, Damon Blakely, the Corps Biologist, Sam Marter, the Resource Ranger, Chris Terry, and the Interpretive Ranger all gave 10-15 different demonstrations on each of their expertise.



Each of the four (4) classes rotated from one presenter to the next until each was presented all four programs. The programs were developed to allow hands-on participation by the students. The attending children learned about the local forest, wetlands, and wildlife. While also getting the opportunity to perform pH, dissolve oxygen, turbidity, and temperature analysis on water during the water quality presentation. Mounted animals were displayed to emphasize the program presented on wildlife. The students enjoyed the trip, and hope to make this an annual event.