

Earth Day Events 2023

Staff from the Bureau of Resource Management were busy this year celebrating Earth Day by assisting with three separate events designed to help young people learn about and appreciate our natural resources.

On April 21st, 20 staff members partnered with Gerstell Academy and McDaniel College for an Earth Day Event at McDaniel College's Environmental Center. The event engaged almost 400 students from PreK through 12th grade in learning about ecology, water resources, agriculture, wetlands, soil conservation, geology, watersheds, and beekeeping. The day included some mud painting, leaf identification and tracing, and an environmental-themed scavenger hunt. Students participated in the upkeep of a forested buffer, creating a butterfly garden, and maintaining other plantings throughout the property.



On Saturday, April 22nd staff assisted the Carroll County Master Gardeners who hosted an Earth Day Event at Piney Run Park Nature Center. Numerous environmental groups were on hand to share information about their organizations and ways to protect our natural resources while recruiting volunteers to assist in implementing their missions. Unfortunately, bad weather cut the event short, but a good time was had by everyone who ventured out.



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Finally, on Thursday, May 4th, several staff members traveled to Shiloh Middle School to hold an Earth Day Event with 6th graders attending Outdoor School. Students arrived by bus from Hashawha and participated in a litter clean-up before rotating through four stations manned by Bureau staff. Students learned about forest conservation and the benefits of planting trees at the tree planting station, utilized macroinvertebrate identification charts to determine stream health, toured the stormwater management facilities on site and learned about how they address water runoff from surrounding areas, and learned about pollution prevention through the use of a water model. Promoting the preservation, protection, and improvement of the natural resources in Carroll County through public awareness and education is one of the Bureau's missions.

