

## April and May Full of Educational Activities and Events



On April 18, we were at Martin Park to provide EnviroScape demonstrations for EarthFest.



District secretary Becky Inmon (left) and conservation technician Josh McNeff work the information booth for the Conservation Commission and USDA partners during the Oklahoma City Farm Show held at the State Fairgrounds on April 16-18.



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- June 3**  
Board of Directors Meeting
- June 5**  
Education program w/YMCA
- June 11**  
Rose State KIDS College

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## ScienceFest 2015



Becky Inmon points out different critters in the soil to a group of students.



D'Ann Peterson shows this student the difference between sow bugs & pill bugs.



Volunteers Ben & Laura Pollard joined us to help at the "Dig It" booth.



Josh McNeff talks to students about soil layers, soil products, & soil critters too!!



Director Rick Godfrey looks on as a student searches for earthworms & other critters.



These students enjoy an 'edible wetlands' treat dished up by Karla Beatty.

# Natural Resource Days at Lake Arcadia



Putnam City Harvest Hills 5th grade students learn about the water cycle during activities on May 1.

Let me tell you a story about water.



Stuck in the clouds with you!!!



District and OCC staff assisted the Department of Wildlife Conservation with a Natural Resource Day for Bethany Elementary 2nd grade students at Lake Arcadia on May 20. There were 100 students and approx. 60 parents and teachers in attendance. Inmon led a water activity where students simulate being water molecules making a journey through the water cycle. Karla Beatty lead students in an activity at the wetland area, and then everyone enjoyed an 'edible wetlands' treat. Students also went through a fishing clinic and learned about wildlife skins and skulls.



River Molecules!!

*"I want to be like water. I want to slip through fingers but hold up a ship."*  
Michelle Williams



Showing off our bracelets.



This edible wetland stuff is pretty good.

# National Land and Range Judging Contest



**Contest Preparations**



**Long Lines at Registration**



**Practice Rain or Shine**

*Land judging photos courtesy Robert Hathorne*



**Gathering at the Official Contest Site**

## Free Water Well Bacterial Testing

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is offering free bacterial testing of private well water due to statewide flooding. The agency announced Tuesday that the testing will be available until August 15. Residents can test their wells by calling 1-800-522-0206. If properties were affected by the recent disasters, DEQ recommends that residents disinfect their wells. The instructions for doing that are on its website at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/CSDnew/cap.htm>

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