

## **Environmental Education Grant Opportunity**

The Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring five \$500 grants for the enhancement of environmental education. These grants are being offered on a competitive basis and are open to all schools within Fairfield County. **Proposals for this grant are due to the SWCD office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010. Forms can be accessed from our website at [www.fairfieldswcd.org](http://www.fairfieldswcd.org). Click on Environmental Education grants.**

### **Proposal Criteria**

- ✓ Projects need to focus on environmental education, conservation, or natural resources
- ✓ Projects should be designed to complement existing classroom objectives and studies being taught
- ✓ Monies can be requested for existing Environmental Education programs, as well as start up monies for new programs
- ✓ Monies can be used for land lab supplies, land lab “repair”, or “seed” money for land lab development
- ✓ Eligible expenses would include things such as books, equipment, supplies, signage, curricula, binoculars, hand lenses, plant materials, field trips, and the like. We ask that field trips be confined to Fairfield County sites, i.e. our three Metro Parks and/or Lancaster Parks and Recreation sites.
- ✓ Preference will be given to land lab projects, outdoor education initiatives, hands-on learning, and environmental service learning projects
- ✓ Projects can be correlated to the state standards and learning outcomes (Assistance can be obtained from the SWCD office on this)
- ✓ K-12 grade levels are eligible
- ✓ **NEW:** The individual teachers that received Environmental Education grant monies last year are ineligible to apply for this grant round.
- ✓ **NEW:** Your grant proposals must be typed and use only the following supplied pages. Please do not include folders, packets, binders, extras, and the like.

Proposal ideas need to be submitted to the Fairfield SWCD office no later than **Friday, April 23, 2010**. Recipients will be selected and notified by May 7, 2010. Project implementation must be completed and funds spent by no later than June 1, 2011. A brief follow-up report and receipts must be submitted to the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District by June 24, 2011.

Please contact Vicki Kohli, Education Specialist, at (740) 653-8154 if you have any questions about the Environmental Education grant application.