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Natural Resource Programs Available to Schools and Groups

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), a locally operated unit of government, provides educational natural resource programs to schools and groups in Winnebago County. Skip the hassle of planning an expensive field trip when SWCD staff will travel to you while providing all the materials needed for programs. We offer classroom presentations, group assemblies, serve as guest speakers at functions or as assistants in hands-on projects. Program topics include but are not limited to rain barrels and gardens, groundwater, watersheds, aquatics, soils, forestry, recycling/composting, prairies and the Illinois State Symbols. A fee of \$2.00 per participant is requested for single class/group programs and is reduced to \$1.00 per participant if multiple presentations are given or involving larger groups. The fee is not applicable to supervisory adults present at youth programs. Programs are limited to no more than three hours. Staff will consult with you to get the most out of your program. Programs are conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm and can be either indoors or outdoors, depending on the season and topic. If you are interested in requesting a program, contact Jessica Cocroft at jessica-raswed@comcast.net or call (815) 965-2392 ext. 3.

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