

Pollution Prevention In The Community



Educational Programs

One of the key components to pollution prevention is education. The following is general information about educational programs offered to community groups and educators throughout the State of South Dakota.



Project Learning Tree

Project Learning Tree is an award winning, multi-disciplinary environmental education program for educators and students in PreK through grade 12. It is a program of the American Forest Foundation and is one of the most widely used environmental education programs in the US. Web site: www.sdplt.org

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Project WET

Project WET is a collection of innovative, water-related activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun for educators and students in kindergarten - grade 12. Web site: www.sd-discovery.com

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WOW! Wonders of Wetlands

WOW! Wonders of Wetlands is for educators. Classroom teachers, refuge managers, nature center interpreters, park service educators, and others will find useful background materials and stimulating activities to fit their programs. Web site: www.sd-discovery.com

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Roots and Shoots

Roots and Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's community-based environmental and humanitarian program for youth. Groups involved with this program plan and participate in service learning projects showing care and concern for animals, the environment, and the human community. Web site: www.brambleparkzoo.com

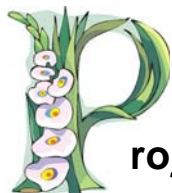
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roject WILD

Project WILD is a collection of interdisciplinary, supplementary activities designed to be integrated into an educator's existing curriculum. Web site: www.sdgap.info/Wildlife/Education/ProjWild.htm

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Make A Splash Water Festival

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ocal Water Festivals

Water Festivals are held at five locations in the State. Water Festivals educate over 5,000 3rd and 4th grade children each year since 1992. These events are hands-on, multi-station, water learning experiences. The overall water festival concept can be adapted to the community level by having a booth or spot at a community day, trade show, or other event. The following is individual festival contact information.

Big Sioux Water Festival (web site: www.bigsiouxwaterfestival.org)

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James River Water Festival

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ocal Nitrate Clinics

Nitrates are primary pollutant concerns for those utilizing shallow wells in South Dakota. The East Dakota Water Development District can conduct water testing clinics for groups and organizations as a screening tool.

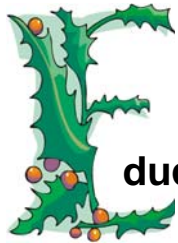
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Ag In The Classroom

Ag In The Classroom is a nationwide program designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding of our food and fiber system, and how agriculture impacts our daily lives. Web site: www.sdagclassroom.org

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ducational Trunks

A selection of environmental educational trunks are available for loan throughout the State. Most are available for a nominal fee through the South Dakota Discovery Center in Pierre.

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Wetlands To Go Trunks - a variety of wetlands-related activities for grades 3 through 9. These trunks are interdisciplinary and designed to supplement a water unit. Items include activities, games, experiments, books, posters, and audio/visuals that are hands-on and can be used inside a classroom or outside at a wetland.

Lakes and Streams Trunks - a variety of freshwater related activities for grades 3 through 6. These trunks are interdisciplinary and designed to supplement a water unit. Items include activities, games, experiments, posters, and audio/visuals that are hands-on and can be used inside a classroom or outside along a river, stream or lake shore.

Water History Trunk - this trunk allows you to re-enact how a homesteading woman would have lived. Items such as a washboard, bucket with dipper and a Sears Roebuck™ 1907 Catalog recall the days before homes had running water. The trunk provides an interactive script and has water-related props.

Prairie Discovery Trunk - This multi-disciplinary educational trunk provides educators with a wide variety of exciting lessons and hands-on materials for teaching elementary and middle school students about the prairies of North America.

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nviroScape® Models

EnviroScape® Models are 3-dimensional landscapes that illustrate residential, recreational, agricultural, industrial and transportation areas - which all represent

possible sources of water pollution. All ages can learn that by using chemicals and loose soil throughout a typical community, their actions and those of others can affect water quality. These models can be used in the classroom, by soil and water conservation districts, city governments, utility companies, consultants, civic and environmental groups.

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