

Miami SWCD Winter Educators Newsletter



Following all curriculum standards, this office will help you with Soils, Geology, Land Use, Land Forms, Earth, Life and Physical Sciences, Social Studies and even Math!

2012
Miami SWCD Annual
TREE
SEEDLING
SALE!

Are you thinking of adding a Land Lab to your campus? Please take a look at the Miami SWCD Tree Order form insert in the January Cooperator newsletter to learn more about the **25** species of trees and **3** kinds of ground cover offered this year. We've added a few and replaced a few, but we think you'll like the smaller packet choices. Deadline for ordering will be March 16th (Postmarked). Order forms are also available on line at www.miamiswcd.org and in the District office located at 1330 N. County Road 25A, Troy.

Miami SWCD 2012 SCHOLARSHIP Opportunities!

Do you know a soon to be graduating senior who has an interest in the agriculture or natural resources world. We invite you to encourage them to apply for one of two **\$750 scholarships!** Made possible by the Miami SWCD Board of Supervisors, these scholarships are for continuing higher education at a two or four year college or university.

Both the \$750 Larry Studebaker Memorial Scholarship and the \$750 Miami SWCD Scholarship are available for incoming freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Also, a student is eligible even if they've received this scholarship in the past!

Applications will be accepted from students who are Miami County residents, are or will be majoring in Ag or Natural Resources and is enrolled in the 2012 Fall Quarter at their chosen school.

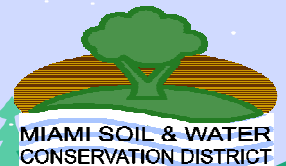
CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP – The award will be used towards the student's tuition and fees and will be processed through the scholarship office of the chosen school. Send the completed application to:
Miami SWCD Scholarship 1330 North County Road 25A; Suite C Troy, Ohio 45373.

Three (3) letters of recommendations from three (3) references listed on the application form are to be sent directly to the Miami SWCD. Applications, recommendations and school transcripts must be received by **Friday, March 16, 2012 (POSTMARKED)**. The application and information received will be property of the Miami SWCD and will be held in strict confidence. Call Kristin Lewber for more information at 335-7666, ext. 221.



This office follows all state curriculum standards. Kindergarten to High School, Home-schooled or student groups. Let us create a free, hands-on, inquiry based program for you and your class.

CERTIFIED IN:
Project WET
Project WILD
Project WILD-Science & Civics
Project Learning Tree
NEW Facing the Future
Food Land & People
Aldo Leopold



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The Miami SWCD is an information resource with maps, lesson plans, games, statistics, books, videos, soil surveys, new ideas, and models like the:

- ◆ **Enviroscape**-Popular models demonstrates a watershed by using different colored 'pollutants' to show how water flows to one main source.
- ◆ **Stream Table**- This homemade kit simulates how rivers and streams form and evolve. Interactive model allows students to 'get their hands dirty' promoting creativity.
- ◆ **Ground Water Flow Model**- Demonstrates ground water dynamics and hydrology concepts. See how water moves underground and how human interaction affects flow, pressure and quality.

Also...

The **Cooperator Newsletter** highlights upcoming events, programs & practices and can now be sent in PDF via email.

Miami SWCD has a variety of items for sale that will augment your lessons:

- ◆ Dirt Cookbook- \$6.00
 - ◆ Water Resource Book - \$8.00
 - ◆ Hands on Habitats Book - \$12.00
 - ◆ Digitized Soil CD - \$2.00
 - ◆ Soil Resource Books - \$20.00
 - ◆ 2011 Platbooks - \$20
 - ◆ Wildlife's Choice Bird/Bat Houses & Feeders.
- (Locally made, prices vary)**



NEW ~ RAIN BARRELS! Easy to assemble kit and 55 gallon food grade barrel. Call for details! A great idea for your land lab!



A new Website you'll love! <http://www.discoverwater.org>

From Project WET; this free, interactive web experience provides valuable information about the role water plays in all our lives. Plus it's fun!

**2012 Area IV
ENVIROTHON
Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

For High School Grades~ Remember the **Area IV Envirothon Competition** will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012 at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries Camp 1259 Swann Beatty Road Camden, OH 45311 www.pvmcamp.com
This is a competition that invites hundreds of area students from 18 counties to compete using their knowledge of wildlife, soils, aquatics, forestry and a current environmental issue.

Calendar for Winter 2012

1/3-3/16-Tree Sale Orders accepted

1/3-3/16-Scholarship Application Window

3/27-Tent. date for Tire Recycling Day
at Fairgrounds

4/3-4/4-Tree pick up at Fairground

Mission Statement: The Miami Soil & Water Conservation District is committed to providing quality conservation assistance to the people we serve.

Vision Statement: To be responsible leaders in promoting innovative stewardship of natural resources through the development of conservation partnerships to enhance the quality of life.