

Henry County Classroom in the Forest Field Trip

The Seventh Annual Henry County 4-H Classroom in the Forest Field Trip was held on May 4, 2012 at the Riley Treasure Forest and Tree Farm in Abbeville, Alabama. The event sponsored by the Henry County Treasure Forest Landowners Association and Alabama Treasure Forest Association provides an educational opportunity for the 245 Henry County Fifth Grade Students in the importance of protecting our natural resources located in our forests. It also educates the students in the need for conservation resources for future generations.

The Henry County Classroom in the Forest Committee conducts this program in Henry County. Committee members include agency personnel, landowners, wildlife organization, school officials and ACES educators.

The program begins each year with classroom segment during their April 4-H program. Committee members and landowners teach the students the importance of forest products and the forest industry to our county and state. Students learn what it means to be a good steward of the land and the vast amounts natural resources located in our forest lands. The classroom portion prepares the students for the field trip the following month.

On the day of the Classroom in the Forest Field Trip the entire 5Th Grade Class of the Henry County School System travels to Riley Treasure Forest and Tree Farm for the entire day. Fifty volunteers and committee members assisted in teaching the students through structured curriculum the importance of protecting and conserving the things they see and hear in the forest. Eleven teachers also participated in the event. Each takes home a better appreciation for the forest lands in our county and state. They also have a better knowledge of conserving the natural resources found in our forests for the future.



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