

Fourth Annual Henry County Ground Water Festival A Success

The 4th Annual Henry County Ground Water Festival was held on April 20, 2012 at Landmark Park in Dothan, Alabama. The sponsor driven program was structured to help educate the 200 Henry County Fourth Grade Students in the importance of protecting our ground water for the future from potential sources of pollution. It also educates the students in the need for conservation of one of our most precious natural resources: water.

Sponsors provided funds to purchase educational materials and to transport the students. Sponsors included businesses, water authorities, government agencies, commissioners and the Henry County School System. A Ground Water Festival Committee was formed and representatives from these businesses and agencies were members.

The program began with an in-school segment on Protecting Our Water - A Renewable Resource during their monthly 4-H program. This helped to prepare the students for the field trip the following month.

On the day of the Ground Water Festival the entire Fourth Grade Class of the Henry County School System traveled to our field trip location. Fifty volunteers and committee members assisted in teaching the students through structured curriculum the importance of protecting and conserving our drinking water through hands on activities during the event. Eleven teachers also participated in the event.

Feedback from teachers, volunteers, sponsors and students concluded that the 2012 Ground Water Festival held in Henry County was a complete success. Students learned much about conservation of drinking water and just how precious our water supplies are to use. Many said they would use the things they learned at the Ground Water Festival to change something at their home to conserve water to make a difference for the future.

