

**Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Day Conservation Day**

Each year, the Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) hosts a Conservation Day for 2nd grade students in the Carroll County. This year, each 2nd grade class in the county attended the event on Thursday, September 24, 2009. The annual event was held at YMCA Camp Merrill Benson near Mount Carroll. Approximately 200 students traveled from station to station learning about the environment.

Stations included:

- Watersheds & Pollution – presented by John Lundquist (Carroll County SWCD)
- Bird Identification – presented by Pam Steinhaus (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
- Soybeans – presented by Melinda Charbonneau (Ogle-Carroll Ag. Partnership)
- Recycling – Leanne Rahn (University of Illinois Extension)
- Nature Walk – Tony Hakes (YMCA Camp Merrill Benson)

In recent years in Illinois, environmental curriculum has greatly diminished from our public schools. This program helps to generate an interest and reinforce the importance of natural resources in the minds of today's youth.

