

Activity: Virginia Tech Farm and Family Showcase Exhibit
Theme – *Silo's to Sidewalk's the Changing Face of Conservation*

Serves: General Public – adult and youth

Resources Needed:

Display(s) -VASWCD – General SWCD information
Hanover Caroline SWCD – Good Farm Bad Farm
NRCS - Back Yard Conservation
NRCS – Farm Bill General Information
Any education and/or PR materials to give away
Interactive Fish Prints
Table & washable table cloth – child friendly level
Fish – Acorn Naturalist (1-800-422-8886)
Tempera Paint – Micheal's/Wal-Mart
Newsprint – Micheal's/air supply store
Foam Paint brushes
Plate to put paint in
Bucket of Water and rags to wash office fish
Paper towels for everything!
A great deal of help and stamina!!!
Props: Barn and House made of corrugated board
Toy tractor, animals, etc.

Partners: VASWCD
NRCS
Other Districts

Length of Time: Fish Prints (5 minutes)
Adult visit (1-15 minutes)

Goal: Create awareness of Conservation Districts, Conservation activities, and youth to connect fish with water quality and anti-litter behavior

Evaluation tools: Number of individuals that participated/visited the display

Timeline: Identify Partners
Have a meeting to plan – decide on display/activity content
Secure space for the event – Ask for non-profit free space if possible or sponsors for space cost
Partners volunteer for task
Request display(s) – Various lead times
Gather supplies, education materials, props etc.
Develop a “helpers” list and schedule
Provide updates for partners
Set-up with plenty of time allocated for this task

* The blue table top exhibit pictured above is available for loan, contact the VASWCD Office for details.



Activity: Fair Exhibit

Serves: All Ages

Resources needed: Various arts and crafts items depending on the theme of the exhibit, brochures on districts and theme, activity pages relating to topic, building materials as needed. Other alternatives are to borrow exhibits from other agencies, i.e. NRCS's soil tunnel.

Partners: NRCS, VCE, Museums, SWCD's

Length of time: Depending on length of fair

Goal: To inform the general public about Districts and areas of natural resources.

Evaluation tools: Number of business cards and brochures are handed out.

Timeline:

- 2 – 6 months prior, plan what your theme will be and begin gathering materials.
- 1 – 2 months prior, design and layout exhibit
- 1 week prior, gather any items you are borrowing
- 1 day prior, set up booth
- 1+ days after, dismantle booth and return any borrowed items

Cost: Price can vary from \$ 50 – 200 depending on type and number of handouts

Themes:

Soils/Soil tunnel with craft being sand art for kids to make and take
Watershed and Water Cycles with Incredible Journey Game and a bead make and take craft based on water cycle.

Wetlands w/ Wetland Habitat
Envirothon/Natural Resources

For more information contact the J.R. Horsley SWCD.

