



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

Upcoming Events

August 23rd:

Greener Pastures
5PM Central 7827
W. Old Road 64
Holland, Indiana

August 22nd:

SWCD Board
Meeting, USDA
Service Center

September 5th-

Labor Day-Office
Closed

September 20th-

Field day 2-stage
ditch (8-10 am)

September 26th:

SWCD Board
Meeting, USDA
Service Center

Adventures with Nature

Staff from the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District attended Adventures with Nature at Tipsaw Lake in Hoosier National Forest on June 25th, 2016. With over 300 attendees, it was a huge success! Kids and families enjoyed making birdhouses, trail mix, rope, walking sticks and most importantly learning about safety in nature. The Spencer County SWCD is already hard at work planning next years event. Stay tuned for an update on



Greener Pastures Event— August 23rd, 2016

The Dubois, Perry, and Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation Districts along with Purdue Extension is hosting the Greener Pastures Field Day at 6:00/5:00 p.m. central at Marion McMurtrie Trust Farm-7827 W. Old Road 64 Holland, Indiana. There is a \$5.00 fee at the door and topics covered include Alternative Feed Sources, Cover crops and Crop Residues, livestock watering systems and heavy use area construction. Please make reservations to your local Purdue Extension office by August 12. Spencer County Purdue extension can be reached at 812-362-8066.

Spencer County 4-H Fair Booth

Intern, Ashley Schaus, designed the 2016 4-H Fair booth, "Cooking with Soil." With an inside look into the different 'ingredients' or components of soil, visitors were able to visually see how much really goes into making soil as well as learning the duration of the process.

These ingredients included water, air, minerals, rocks, and organics mixed with some weathering and erosion. After 100-600 years, about one inch of topsoil is produced. Seed packets containing wildflowers were handed out in hopes that many pollinator gardens would be planted attracting bees



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Update on the 2-Stage Ditch



We have had quite a bit of interest in this project 1 mile north of Chrisney, IN, where the Alcoa Community Foundation-Funded project is making great progress. The 2-ditch was designed to hold a greater volume of water and help control flooding. It is expected to be completed by the end of summer. Heavy rains have caused some delays in construction. A field day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am where various agencies will hold a joint-field day activity. The current panel of speakers will include representatives from the SWCD, ISDA, NRCS, and TNC (The Nature Conservancy).