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Conservation by Education

The Hill County Conservation District's Natural Resource Day for students was held April 26, 2007. The event is held annually to educate area fifth graders on agriculture and natural resources.

This year, more than 200 students rotated through five stations. Each interactive station was 25 minutes long and included:

- 1) **Water Jeopardy** – this session was led by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), jeopardy was played to explain the water cycle and how it is a natural process.
- 2) **Montana Renewable Energy Assoc (MREA) Trailer** – this session was led by Dave Ryan of the National Center for Appropriate Technology. Students were educated on renewable energy, specifically how to make electricity at home and save money on electric bills.



Students learn about renewable energy at the MREA trailer.

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- 3) **Manure to Butter** – This session was led by the County Conservation Districts of Cascade and Big Sandy. Students made their own butter and were taught that manure decomposes, grass seed grows, and cows eat the grass for food and to grow and produce milk (butter) and waste (manure).
- 4) **Web of Life** – This session was led by the MSU-Northern Extension Agency and explained all aspects of the ecosystem.
- 5) **Interactive Weed Displays** - led by the Hill County Weed District and Bureau of Land Management.

Education is an important goal of the Hill County Conservation District. Who better to educate about the agriculture industry, natural resources, and renewable energy than our children, the leaders of tomorrow.

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