

# CAREE Comments

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2007 Nature Day was held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Alhambra Fireman Legion Park in Alhambra. Madison County CAREE and U of I Extension host Nature Day for 275 fifth grade students from Highland Elementary, St. Jacob Elementary, Grantfork Upper- Elementary, Trinity-St. Paul Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran.

Twenty different presenters spoke to the students about different topics including birds, mammals, water, snakes, recycling, minerals, petroleum, weather, fishing, wetlands, prey and predators, and 4-H. The presenters came from many different state and local entities and spent the day teaching students about different environmental topics. Students visited stations hosted by the presenters.

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Students had the chance to learn about fish safety also got to try their hand at fishing.

The world bird's sanctuary brought a variety of their birds for their morning presentations which started the day. The students really enjoy this because they got to see the birds up close.

(Please Place picture of bird and student here)

Nature Day gives the fifth grade students the opportunity to be outdoors for a day and learn more about the environment that is around them.

Thank you to all of the presenters and volunteers that helped at Nature Day. Also, thank you to all of the schools that participated.

Nature Day was very successful this year and teachers, along with their students, seemed to be having fun while learning at the same time.