



Agriculture and
Natural Resources
Youth Workshop

17th ANNUAL
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
YOUTH WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH 2006

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Youth Workshop is for high school students between the ages of 14 and 18. Teachers, 4-H, or FFA advisors are welcome and should bring students interested in natural resources management. This will be a great educational opportunity for students enrolled in educational events such as the *CA Envirothon* www.caenvirothon.org.

The goal of this workshop is to provide information while emphasizing the importance of our natural resources. The way we manage our natural resources such as soil, water, air, plants, and animals is critical in determining our present and future welfare. The conservation and wise use of these resources found on our croplands, grasslands, and woodlands are key elements in keeping our lands and society productive.

The workshop will include presentations from various professions on resource management and preservation. Topics covered may include Forestry, Wildlife, Water/Aquatics, Soils, Vegetation and Range Management. Material for topics covered in the sessions will be provided at the workshop. Students are encouraged to share this material with their peers.

Interested students will have the opportunity to compete in a contest for an expense paid trip to the California Range and Natural Resources Camp at Elkus Ranch in Half Moon Bay, June 18-23, 2006.

Please visit www.casrm.org for more information on *Rangecamp*.

These workshops in the past have been a joint effort of the Resource Conservation Districts www.carcd.org, UC Cooperative Extension www.ucanr.org, Madera County Fish & Game Fines Committee www.dfg.ca.gov, CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection www.fire.ca.gov, USDA Forest Service www.fs.fed.us and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov

Portions of this workshop are outdoors. Appropriate clothing should be worn for cold or rainy weather. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please notify the NRCS representatives of those with special needs and arrangements will be made. Advisors or parents who bring the students to the workshop are required to stay. High school students are not allowed to bring their own vehicles.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 13th

*For additional information, please contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service:
Jenny Gabor in Madera (559) 674-2108 ext. 111*





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AGENDA

17th Annual NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH WORKSHOP Scout Island in Fresno Friday, March 24th 2006

8:30	Registration Begins	
9:00 -9:30	Welcome & Introductions Range & Natural Resource Camp Careers in Natural Resources	Jenny Gabor <i>USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>
9:30 – 10:15	Mountain Lion & Deer Relationships	Don Neal <i>USDA, Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Experiment Station</i>
10:20 - 11:15	Aquatic Invertebrates	Terry Henry <i>USDA, Forest Service</i>
11:15 – 12:15	Bats in our backyard	Burliegh Lockwood <i>Fresno Chaffee Zoo</i>
12:00 – 12:30	LUNCH <i>Essay Competition for Rangepcamp</i>	Provided with registration.
12:30 – 1:30	Soils	Edd Russell <i>USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>
1:30 – 2:00	Native American traditions & Our natural resources <i>Conservation Service</i>	Bruce Champion <i>USDA, Natural Resources</i>
2:00 – 3:00	Rangeland/Riparian Area Management	Neil McDougald, <i>UC Cooperative Extension</i> Dennis Dudley <i>Natural Resources Conservation Service.</i>
3:00	Closing Remarks and Awards	

