



NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

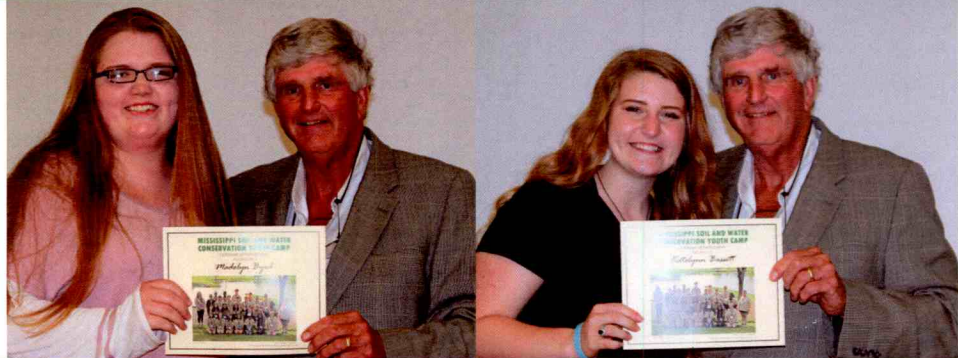
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Holiday - Independence Day - July 4th, 2018
- Neshoba County Fair July 27th - August 3rd
- Holiday - Labor Day - September 3rd, 2018

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YOUTH CAMP



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Madolyn Byrd of Neshoba County is awarded a Youth Camp Participation Certificate from MACD President Pete Hunter.
Photo by Callie Burns

Katelynn Bassett of Neshoba County also received a Youth Camp Participation Certificate at the 2018 MSWC Youth Camp.
Photo by Callie Burns

RAYMOND, MS – Twenty-six high school students from throughout the state, including Madolyn Byrd and Katelynn Bassett from Neshoba County, participated in the 2018 Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Youth Camp, held from June 3-7 at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

During camp, attendees visited the MS Museum of Natural Science and the MS Agriculture & Forestry Museum. They learned about milking goats from Williams Goat Farm of Learned, MS and toured Hinds Veterinary Tech School. They observed freeze-branding at Gaines Cattle Farm and watched a saw mill in operation at Copiah Lumber Company. Students also learned about genetics at Hinds CC Bull Test Station, polled Herefords at Penn's Farm, soils at Boyd Soils Farm and tree seedlings at Weyerhaeuser Nursery.

Jamie Holt of MDWFP did a presentation on black bears and the campers learned about aquatic ecology from Deb Veeder of Adopt-A-Stream and Barry Pessoney of NRCS; forestry from Jim Barnes of NRCS, and reptiles from the Educational Outreach expert at the MS Museum of Natural Science.

Penn's Farm, Weyerhaeuser Nursery, Copiah County SWCD and Sonic Drive-In of Richland provided lunch during camp, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dungan of Jefferson Davis County hosted the campers at the Dungans' lakeside cabin, where the youths enjoyed swimming and tubing, followed by a dinner prepared by the Dungans and Jefferson Davis County SWCD.

On Wednesday after traveling to various sites, the campers went to Bass Pro Shop in Pearl, then headed to Trustmark Park for dinner and a Mississippi Braves baseball game.

Camp concluded Thursday, with a presentation on Energy Conservation by Jason Pope of HCC in the morning, and an awards luncheon at noon. Becky Brown of Little Brown Light Ministries was the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

At the end of the luncheon, Simpson County Youth Camper Clifton "Kolby" Polk was presented with a \$3,000 Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts Endowment Fund Scholarship by MACD Board President and MSWCC Vice Chairman Pete Hunter, and MACD Board First Vice President Jerry Smith. All campers received Certificates of Participation.

Thank you to our sponsors: Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts, Inc., USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Copiah County Soil and Water Conservation District, Jefferson Davis County Soil and Water Conservation District and Sonic Drive-In of Richland.

Article by Kathy Dougan of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Go Garden Program



The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated the beginning of the spring growing season with two local schools' fourth grade students. Jeff Wilson, with the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission Office in Jackson, and Erica Fortenberry with the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation Commission spoke with approximately 158 fourth grade students from Philadelphia Elementary and Union Elementary about container gardens as well as the importance of pollinators. The portable gardens used in this program were built by the Neshoba County Future Farmers of America with modifications made by the Natural Resource Conservation Service to allow the recycling of water. The Neshoba County SWCD would like to thank Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts, MSWCC, FFA and NRCS. We would also like to thank Philadelphia Elementary and Union Elementary for their participation in this program.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL



The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District has a Great Plains no-till drill available to rent. The cost will be \$5.00 per acre with a \$100 deposit. This equipment was purchased by the district for landowners to rent in and around Neshoba County. Call or come by the office to set a rental date. You will need to sign a rental agreement and pay a deposit. Equipment will be inspected when returned and deposit will be reimbursed. **Proof of insurance on vehicle hauling equipment is required at time of pick-up.** For more information, contact us at (601) 656-8783 Extension 3.



You are invited to the 2018 Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Banquet

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Neshoba County Coliseum

This banquet is to honor the members of our district and to award local individuals in the following fields: Outstanding Livestock Producer, Outstanding Poultry Producer, Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist, Outstanding Woodland Conservationist, Outstanding Fishpond Management and Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year! All members and potential members are invited and a **steak** dinner will be served! R.S.V.P. by Wednesday September 25th by calling 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for the meals of guest.



NESHOBA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2018 Award Nominees

OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCER:

_____ Charles M. Nicholson

_____ Charlie G. Wilson II

_____ Chad Copeland

_____ Gordon Adkins

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING WOODLAND CONSERVATIONIST:

_____ Danny Price

_____ Robert Greg Barrett

_____ Danny D. Burnett

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING POULTRY PRODUCER:

_____ Phillip Holmes

_____ Thieu Pham

_____ Vui Nguyen

_____ Gordon Adkins

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING FISH POND MANAGEMENT:

_____ Jimmy Kemp

_____ Bobby Holton

_____ Sarah Helen McGee

_____ Roy White

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST:

_____ Thomas Allison

_____ James Paul Mason

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER:

_____ Jimmy Wilson

_____ Charles M. Nicholson

_____ Shelby Anthony

_____ Devon Sharp

_____ **OTHER** _____

Please return your ballot to the Neshoba County SWCD ~ 511 East Lawn Drive ~ Philadelphia, MS 39350

DEADLINE TO VOTE: Friday, July 27th, 2018

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WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Mississippi located in the Third Congressional District. The formation of the Conservation District was authorized by the MS legislature on April 4, 1938, through House Bill 454. The Neshoba County SWCD was organized by citizens of Neshoba County on October 30, 1939.

The Neshoba County SWCD is governed by five commissioners. Three are elected in a district (county) wide election by landowners. Two are appointed by the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission upon recommendations of the SWCD board of commissioners. Each District is authorized to appoint five deputy commissioners. These commissioners serve without pay to carry out a cooperative program that addresses the natural resource concerns of the District.

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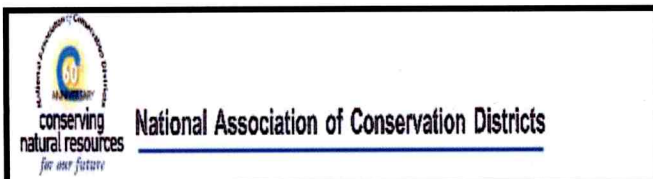
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