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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pam Kattner and I presented the lesson plan we created to 1,000 youth at Freeland Elementary and Middle School for their Earth Day celebration.
- I joined EPCAMR with the Nanticoke Housing Authority to begin plans for two local dump site cleanups with the area residents.
- Volunteered to be co-chairperson of the workshop subcommittee for the State AMD Conference being led by the pyriteBAD steering committee.

WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2006

- Participated with the Nanticoke Conservation Club's (NCC) Harvey's Creek cleanup on 4/1. We cleaned several miles of the streamside.
- Pamela Kattner and I prepared for our presentation at Lake Lehman Junior/Senior High School on 4/10.
- Traveled to the Wilkes-Barre Area vo-tech school on 4/5 to deliver several items in preparation for their open house.
- Joined Anne Daymut, my co-coordinator of the pyriteBAD workshops subcommittee, and Bruce Golden on a morning conference call to organize a survey on 4/6. Following this call, I prepared descriptions for half of the suggested workshops.
- Prepared and delivered my first OSM/VISTA quarterly report.
- Assisted the Luzerne Conservation District with sorting seedling sale arrivals.
- Joined Michael Hewitt and Pamela Kattner for an afternoon of water monitoring in the field. Obtained my AMD Monitoring Certificate on 4/7.

WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2006

- Pamela Kattner and I tie-dyed 22 shirts with abandoned mine drainage. Many of these will be used for our presentation at Freeland on 4/20. We also completed the first test run of making AMD Chalk with the new chalk block.
- Pamela Kattner and I practiced and prepared for our presentation at Freeland on 4/20.
- I updated a contact list for the housing developments throughout Luzerne County. I contacted all of these developments and collected information about how many youth they house for the Fish and Wildlife 'Take Me Fishing' grant written by Robert Hughes.
- Pamela Kattner and I prepared and presented to a class at Lake Lehman Junior/Senior High School. There were 20 8th graders and one teacher to whom we presented.
- I compared the advice of Robert Hughes and Michael Hewitt and edited my half of the pyriteBAD workshop descriptions. Corresponded with Anne about the resulting changes.
- Cared for the 86 seedlings I purchased for summer plantings at the Avondale Hill projects.

WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2006

- 4/17 OFF.
- Attended Huber Breaker Preservation Society meeting on 4/18 at 6:30pm.
- Prepared for assembly presentation for Freeland Elementary and Middle Schools. Created informational postcards to leave with teachers and collected items to give to the school, such as watershed maps. Practiced presentation, prepared costumes, slide show, and assisted with writing press release. Distributed press release. Collected and packed all equipment needed for the trip. Met Pamela Kattner and Kate Feissner, director of EMARR, in Freeland for one last meeting on 4/20. We completed two presentations. The first was for 500 5th – 8th grade youth and the second was for 500 kindergarten – 4th grade children.
- Attended EPCAMR Board meeting on 4/20 at 6:30pm.
- Met with Perry Clay, director of the Nanticoke Housing Authority, to assess two dump sites. We planned details for these cleanups and chose dates for them. We also compared our organizations' projects and found other places where we can help each other. We will present our cleanups to the NCC during their May meeting to ask for their volunteer assistance.
- Arrived early to set up for Gardner's Creek Earth Day cleanup on 4/22. Organized the youth that morning, cleaned litter, and assisted with the event cleanup at the end of the day.
- Cared for the 86 seedlings I purchased for summer plantings at the Avondale Hill projects.

THRU OF APRIL 30, 2006

- Researched available lodging near our office for the spring OSM/VISTA training this June. Contacted many places by phone, obtained descriptions and price quotes. Communicated the info to several people.
- Began organizing the four parties that will anchor the Avondale art piece as well as began coordinating the watershed tour for the vo-tech students.
- Created an online survey for the pyriteBad steering committee to vote on the popularity of suggested workshops. Sent links to everyone and monitored survey throughout the week.
- Prepared for the Luzerne County Envirothon. Arrived early to assist with setup. Photographed the event. Assisted with cleanup.
- Prepared much more AMD for future tie-dyeing projects.
- I was contacted by Kristin Costanzo, an OSM/VISTA in southern Virginia, about details of AMD tie-dyeing. I prepared and mailed her a package that included AMD powder with which to experiment.
- Wrote a watershed restoration plan and gathered several other documents. Mailed these to T. Allan Comp, our OSM contact, along with an invoice for our OSM/VISTA project money.
- Cared for the 86 seedlings I purchased for summer plantings at the Avondale Hill projects.