



## 2017 Tellico Eco Days

Tellico Eco Days is kids in the outdoors on a school day having fun and learning at the same time. The tenth annual Eco Days event was held from May 9-11. Each spring fifth grade students from throughout the Monroe County School System attend an outdoor classroom setting at the Indian Boundary Recreation Area in Cherokee National Forest to learn about conservation and nature.

The event involved three days of conservation education for over 400 Monroe County students. Students from Tellico Plains, Coker Creek, Rural Vale, Madisonville and Vonore schools participated in this fun-filled and educational event. Students visited stations taught by natural resources professionals from the U.S. Forest Service, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tennessee Division of Forestry. Participants learned about wildlife, forestry, east Tennessee heritage, fish and other aquatic life, controlled (prescribed) burning, and how to use a cross-cut saw. Highlights of the day included seeing a bear trap up close and wading in a stream looking for aquatic life.



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