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Retired Soil Scientist Enjoys Teaching Kids

Willie Terry, retired soil scientist, signed up to be an Earth Team Volunteer the day he retired from the Metcalfe Soil Survey Office in Mississippi. He always enjoyed doing the outreach/education and wanted to continue teaching kids about soils. "Willie brings such enthusiasm to his teaching that the kids always get excited about soils", according to Metcalfe SSO Project Leader, Rachel Stout Evans. He makes it a "hands-on experience" with different soil textures and colors, and to really get their attention, he brings out the worms! He strives to help the children make the connection with the soils in their backyards to the food they eat and the crops in the big fields.

As an Earth Team Volunteer, Willie assists the Metcalfe SSO by taking care of many of the Technical Soil Services in the outreach/education department. He makes hands-on presentations at the various Soil and Water Conservation District Field Days around the Mississippi Delta, and also goes to individual schools and classes. He assists the project leader with teaching soil health and about Mississippi soils at SWCD Teacher Workshops as well. Willie also assists in natural resource contest "Envirothon" trainings and competitions in the Delta.

Willie makes learning about soils so much fun, that he gets repeat requests every year for his presentations!



Earth Team volunteer Willie Terry, a retired Soil Scientist, delivers "hands-on" fun to school children in Mississippi.

The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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