



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: EOP – “TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK” DAY

ACTION REQUIRED BY: APRIL 26, 2012

PURPOSE. To provide information about “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” day at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

Thursday, April 26, 2012, has been designated nationally as “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” day. This year’s theme is “Invent the Future.” Please see the attached poster for your use in promoting this event. The Iowa NRCS encourages employees to participate by bringing young family members or friends, ages 8-18, to work to experience a workday within the NRCS and district offices. Please obtain prior approval from your immediate supervisor.

This day will provide opportunities for you to share a typical workday with a child and will be an enjoyable and learning experience for the children who participate. It may also create an interest in conservation as a future profession.

There are several things a child can do while spending the day with you at work. The tasks that they are assigned should be based upon age. If a child is 14 years or older, you may want to sign them up for the Earth Team Volunteer Program. Contact your area coordinator for an application and information about becoming a volunteer.

This day should meet three objectives:

1. Show a child your job responsibilities at the NRCS.
2. Share with a child the knowledge and skills needed to meet job responsibilities.
3. Allow a child to experience how daily work schedules are completed.

Schools across the nation have been informed of this national educational program, however, you may want to contact your child’s school and let them know of your plan to participate in this event.

Safety should always be a priority when children are in the workplace. Use common sense and provide supervision; keep children out of potentially dangerous areas and away from potentially dangerous equipment or activities. Please be aware that only children aged 14 and older who have been approved as Earth Team volunteers are able to ride in government vehicles.

If you are interested in activities for a variety of ages or have questions, please contact Jill Clothier at jill.clothier@ia.usda.gov.

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