



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service Earth Team

Volunteer Showcase

Earth Team is a Family Tradition

Supporting the Earth Team is a family tradition that started early for Marybeth Smith. She signed up as an Earth Team volunteer to work with her father, Dane Smith, an NRCS soil conservation technician, soon after she became eligible at age 14.

One of her first activities for Earth Team was volunteering with her dad and other NRCS employees at CoastFest in southeast Georgia, which highlights Georgia's unique coastal environment.

Marybeth provided information and distributed media products to the participants. In a single day, over 9,500 people toured interactive exhibits and displays from environmental, educational, research and resource exhibitors.

In addition to being an Earth Team volunteer, Marybeth is a straight-A student who works on the family's commercial peach orchard. She helps run their solar-powered irrigation system, which has been in place for more than 10 years. Her experience as an Earth Team volunteer and her on-farm experience support her interests in nature and natural resources.



(Left to Right) Mary Beth Smith, Earth Team Volunteer, Madi Grace Smith, future Earth Team Volunteer, and Dane Smith, NRCS soil conservation technician staffed the NRCS booth at Georgia's CoastFest.

The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the National Earth Team Office at 888-526-3227 or visit:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/EarthTeam>

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