

# District Newsletters



## State Fair Booth

District Technician, Larry Simpson and District Manager, Kay Bullard, assisted at the Division of Soil and Water Conservation exhibit booth at the NC State Fair in September.

Children and adult fair goers alike enjoyed spinning the "Wheel of Conservation" and answering a question about natural resources. Everyone received a goody bag of resources and had an opportunity to purchase tickets for the "Gator" raffle. Proceeds from the raffle go to the District Employees Scholarship fund.

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[http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/soil\\_water/](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/soil_water/)

Cumberland SWCD publishes "Conservation News" quarterly during the year. Six hundred sixty copies of each issue are printed at the Cumberland County print shop and are mailed via the County's mailroom.

Larry Simpson, District Technician, contributes messages about the NC Agriculture Cost Share Program to keep producers informed of best management practices, sign-up dates and deadlines for the program.

Each issue also features a message from NRCS District Conservationist, Renessa Brown. These articles describe and promote federal programs.

"Backyard Conservation" is a section for information about planting trees, watering yards, attracting wildlife, bird habitat and other items of interest for urban and rural households.

"Conservation in the Classroom" is an annual publication for educators in Cumberland County. 2,500 copies of this newsletter are distributed to public, private and home school educators in September.

Information on the educational programs of the District are highlighted. They include the Envirothon program, conservation contests, teacher workshops, the loan library, Resource Conservation Workshop, interesting web sites and classroom lessons.

## District Fundraisers

Fundraisers provide additional funding of the District's conservation education activities.

Again this year, due to the drought and the public's heightened awareness of the need for water conservation, the District sold rain barrels to promote storage of rainwater for use in home gardens and yards.

Tree seedlings are sold annually by the District staff. An order form is included in the District's fall newsletter and pre-paid orders are taken through December 1st. Trees are ordered and delivered in mid-December. Longleaf pine, loblolly pine and eastern red cedar seedlings are sold to the public for windbreaks, farm enhancement and for use in home landscaping.

