April 24, 2014

TO INTERESTED STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE 4TH OR 5TH GRADE:

Southside Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to inform you that an opportunity for some of your environmentally conscience students is right around the corner!

2014 marks the fifteenth year that Southside SWCD, in partnership with Halifax SWCD, Lake Country SWCD, Virginia Cooperative Extension Service and the Division of State Parks, has formed an outdoors environmental field school now called "Watershed Adventure Camp". Southside SWCD will select ten of the most qualified applicants to attend the camp. First priority will be given to the applicants that have swimming/water experience.

The camp will be held the week of June 2nd – 6th, 2014 and is free to participants and is open to all students that reside within the counties listed above and will be held at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park in Clover, VA located between Charlotte and Halifax Counties.

This weeklong adventure will offer hands-on activities in environmental issues such as: mapping, pollution (point and non-point), agriculture bmp’s, soils, stream walks, forestry, wildlife, watershed information, biological and chemical monitoring and a dragon fly pond activity. There will also be an overview of the park and a tour of the Clover Power Plant. A canoe trip down the Staunton River will take place on Friday. If an applicant is chosen to attend the camp, but is unable to swim, they will be allowed to attend camp Monday, June 2nd through Thursday, June 5th, 2014 but they will NOT be allowed to participate on the canoe trip Friday 6, 2014. The Camp will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the applicant. The applicant needs to be at the park no later than 9:00 a.m. and needs to be picked up at 3:00 p.m. each day. Parents can check to see if there are other children attending from the area to possibly carpool. If your child is to ride with another parent, please notify me so I know that the child has permission to ride with someone other than who is originally designated to transport them.

Deadline for applications to be received by SOUTHSIDE SWCD is May 9, 2014.

Sincerely,

Julie Hamlett
Southside SWCD

Encl: Application form
Application – Please Print or Type

Applicant’s Full Name ___________________________ T-shirt size_________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

County ___________________________ Home Phone#

Name of School _________________________ Age/Grade ______ _______________________

Teacher Recommendation____________________ Phone #___________________________

Field of Interest___________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)_____________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

Work Phone # ___________________________ Cell # __________________________

SWIMMING EXPERIENCE: ADVANCED____ INTERMEDIATE____ BEGINNER____ NONE____

Signature of parent/guardian __________________________

In Case of Emergency, contact __________________________

Special Considerations (i.e., allergies, seizures, etc.)___________________________

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Briefly explain why you would like to attend this field school.

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Signature of student ____________________________

Sponsoring SWCD: Southside SWCD Phone #: 434-542-5405, ext 1

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DEADLINE: May 9, 2014