2005 Conservation & Environmental Education Excellence Awards Program
Nomination Form

Individuals may nominate themselves or another individual or organization for any award. Award forms should not exceed three pages total plus one support item (such as a guide, video, or photograph). The supporting item should not be a substitute for required information. Typewritten responses are appreciated. Materials will not be returned. Please submit a separate form for each nomination. All nomination information will be kept confidential except for winner notification and publicity purposes.

Name of Nominee Clinton County EnviroKids Team
Agency/Organization Clinton County EnviroKids Team
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Primary local newspaper or publicity outlet, name, and address of contact person: Clinton Herald (chnews@mcleodusa.net); DeWitt Observer (observer@iowatelecom.net); QC Times (pressreleases@qctimes.com)
This nomination is submitted by Mark Roberts, Clinton CCB
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Check category entered:
_____ Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award
_____ Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award
_____ Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award
_____ "Ding" Darling Environmental Education Award
_____ Sylvan Runkel Environmental Education Award
_____ Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. <35,000)
_____ Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. >35,000)
XXXX Frederic Leopold Environmental Education Award
_____ Ada Hayden Conservation Education Award

Submission should be postmarked by December 1, 2005 and sent to:
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This ambitious collaboration was conceived and organized by private businesses in Clinton County. Specifically, Bemis Clysar Inc., Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, and Lyondell Plastics Co (Equistar). They enlisted the assistance of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, a private facility, Izaak Walton League, a non-profit group, Soaring Eagle Nature Society, a private non-profit Nature Center, and the Clinton County Conservation Board and Iowa State University Clinton County Extension, both government agencies.

Corporate sponsors provided food and drinks as well as unique Enviro Kids tee shirts which were provided to all participants who attended at least three of the programs.

The program will continue into the future with hopes of expanding with even more corporations such as ADM, Alliant Energy and Guardian .

The efforts put forth are not part of and legal requirements that any of the groups have, they simply want to promote long-term understanding of the interdependence of industry, people and the environment.

I feel that this group is very deserving of the Frederic Leopold Award for several reasons.

1. This is the first such coalition in Clinton County.
2. The initiative came from the private sector instead of government "putting industry up to it".
3. Clinton County's economy is tied very closely to heavy industry, especially on the Mississippi River and this award will spur the program on to higher standards and more corporate participation.
4. Clinton's industry has been vilified over the years on environmental issues and giving recognition to this positive effort can give these corporations more incentive to keep their environmental profile high by doing even more.
5. This program can serve as a model to other industrial areas in the state. This award can illuminate the possibilities by drawing attention to the fact that industry and environment can work together and not necessarily be polar opposites. That, to me, seems to be what this award is really meant to accomplish.

From the Enviro Kids Brochure.

What is Clinton County Enviro Kids all about?
Clinton County Enviro Kids is about enhancing environmental education to area students ages 3rd.—5th. Grade. This program is being sponsored by area agencies and Industry who's main interest is the environment. Students participating can experience everything from a tour of a local manufacturing facility to a boat ride on the Mississippi River. This program will showcase all aspects of the environment.

When does this group meet?
The schedule is from June 11, 2005—October 8, 2005. The group will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Each program will be from 9:00 A.M.—Noon.

Is there a cost or limit of students for the programs?
Most programs do not have any cost. If there is a limit of how many students can attend, it is listed with the program description.

How do I sign up?
Sign up for programs can be done by calling Laura Liegois at 563-243-4749 or e-mailing ccaswa@clinton.net. You can also mail your registration to CCASWA P.O. Box 996 Clinton, Iowa 52733.

Who is sponsoring these events?
Sponsors of these programs include; Bemis Clysar Inc., Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, Clinton County Conservation Board, Izaak Walton League, Iowa State University Clinton County Extension, and Lyondell Co (Equistar).

Schedule of Programs:
All programs will begin at
9:00 A.M. and end at Noon.

June 25th~ Clinton County Izaak Walton League. Hwy 136. We will provide poles and bait, or you can bring your own.

July 9th~ Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency. 4292 220th. St. Clinton. Tour and find out exactly what the solid waste agency does here in Clinton County.

July 23rd.~ Join Clinton County Conservation Board on the Blue Heron Eco Cruise at the Rock Creek Campground and Marina. Meet at 9:00 A.M. in the screened in pavilion. All students will be given a life jacket and will be required to wear it while on the boat.

August 13th~ Soaring Eagle Nature Center will be the location for this program. The Clinton County Conservation Board will feature items that are located at the Soaring Eagle Nature Center:

- *Animal Encounter* ~ Kids will learn about and handle our live snakes and raptors.
- *Make a Bird Feeder* ~ Kids will make a peanut

feeder to take home with them.
- *Wild Hike* ~ Explore hidden spots off the beaten path looking for bones, fossils and cool rocks.

August 27th~ River Clean Up. Get your old clothes and shoes on and help clean up the Mississippi River. Chad Pregracke and the Living Lands and Waters crew will be here in Clinton County again. Parents are welcome to attend and help! Lunch will be served after the clean up.

September 10th ~ Outdoor Living Classroom. This program is by the Iowa State University Clinton County Extension. The outdoor classroom is at the Clinton County fair grounds in DeWitt.

September 24th~ Come and find out about organic gardening. This will be a hands on activity by the Iowa State University Clinton County Extension.

October 8th~ Lyondell Plastics
Go on a adventure tour and see how plastic is made. Check out little pellets being blown up into a bubble.

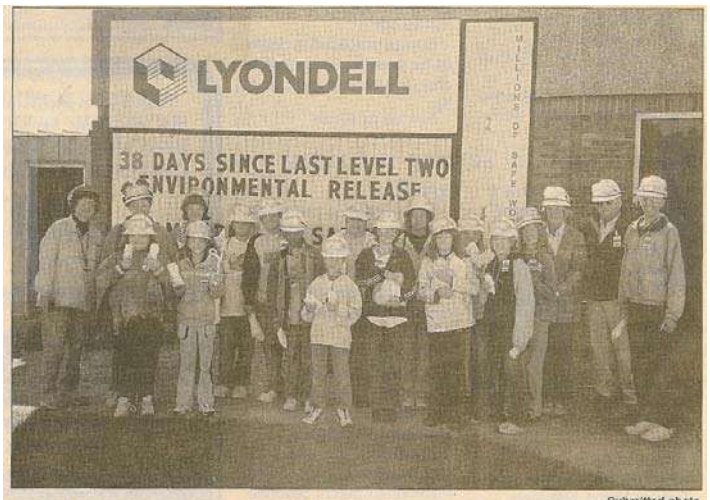
October 22nd~~ Fall Happenings at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum. Experience one of the largest and varied autumn leaf collections in Eastern Iowa. Join Bickelhaupt Arboretum volunteers and Master Gardeners as we build a leaf pile and learn about composting.

From the *Clinton Herald*, 10-19-05.

THUMBS UP TO the Clinton County Enviro Kids program and its many corporate sponsors, for doing such a good job of providing local students the opportunity to see first hand the kind of environmental education most children are lucky to get in the classroom.

Blue Heron Eco Cruise on the Mississippi River

From the *Clinton Herald*, 10-17-05.



Submitted photo
Students in the Clinton County Enviro Kids program received a special tour of the Clinton Lyondell plant recently.

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Enviro Kids get close look at Lyondell plant

CLINTON—Hard hats and goggles were the dress code for the students in the Clinton County Enviro Kids program when Lyondell showcased their plant.

Of special interest was the fact that plant employees have worked more than 4 million hours without a lost time injury and a year without a recordable incident.

Judie Petersen and Chris Enyeart, from the plant's health and safety department took the students on a tour of the quality control room and general plant tour.

Clinton County Enviro Kids is a program designed to enhance environmental education for Clinton County are youth. Programs are sponsored by foundations, agencies and corporations with an interest in educating on the environmental issues in our communities.

Sponsors of these programs include; Bemis Clysar Inc., Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency, Clinton County Conservation Board, Izaak Walton League, Iowa State University Clinton County Extension, and Lyondell Co (Equistar).

The next program will be at the Arboretum where a giant leaf pile will be built.