

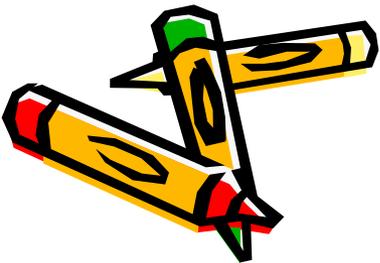
WILD School Sites

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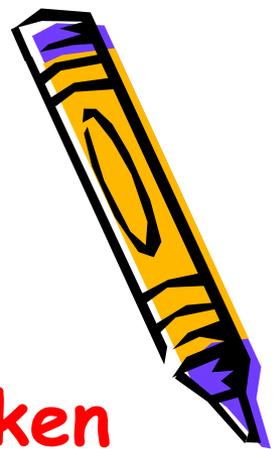


What is a WILD School Site?

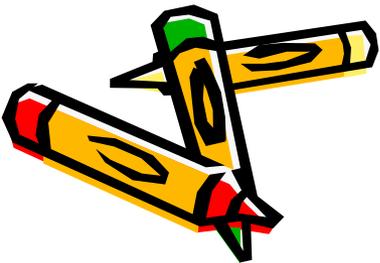
- Any area of land that is used effectively by students and teachers as a place for learning where they take action to benefit wildlife and the environment.



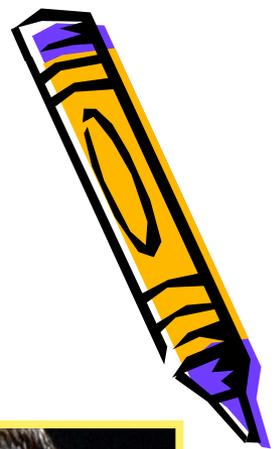
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- Any action—small or large—that is taken to improve habitat for wildlife and people.

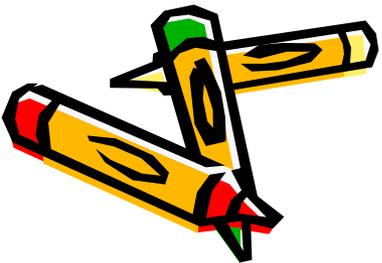
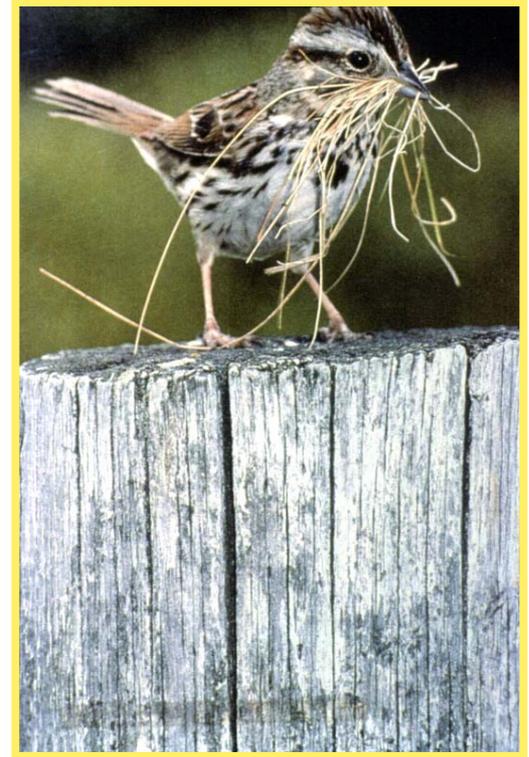


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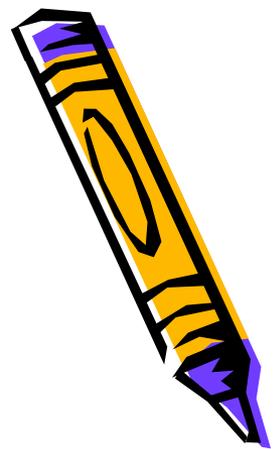


- For Wildlife:

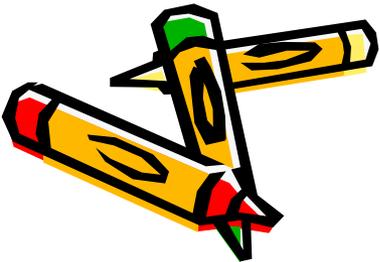
- Providing habitat will invite "new" species to the school grounds. If you build it, they will come!
- Providing elements of habitat can be simple or complex. Either can benefit wildlife and either can be observed and measured.



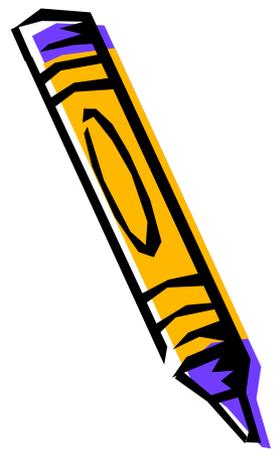
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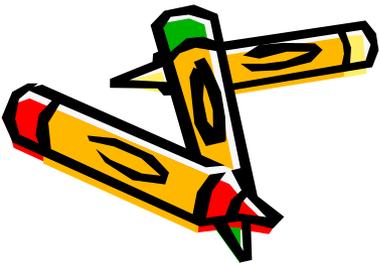
- For Students:
 - Interest is enlivened with the opportunity to apply knowledge and do something real.
 - When students learn about the needs of wildlife, they learn something about the needs of people.
 - Interdisciplinary study, science literacy, social skills and cooperative learning.



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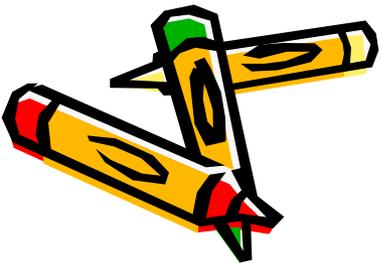
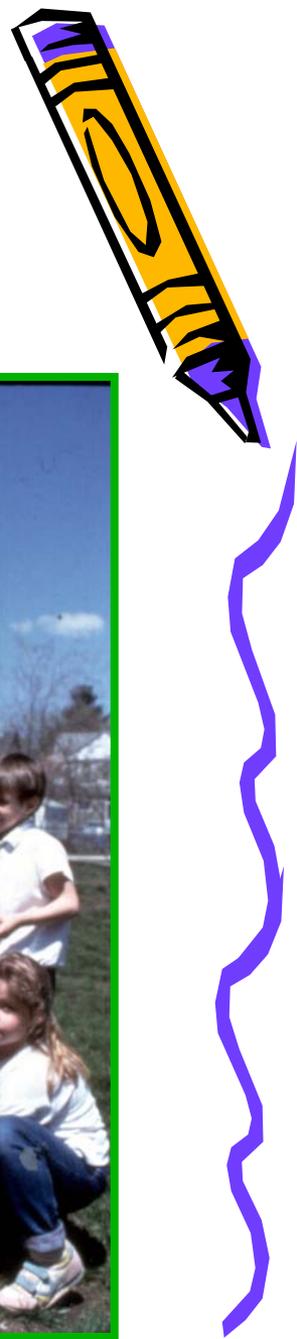
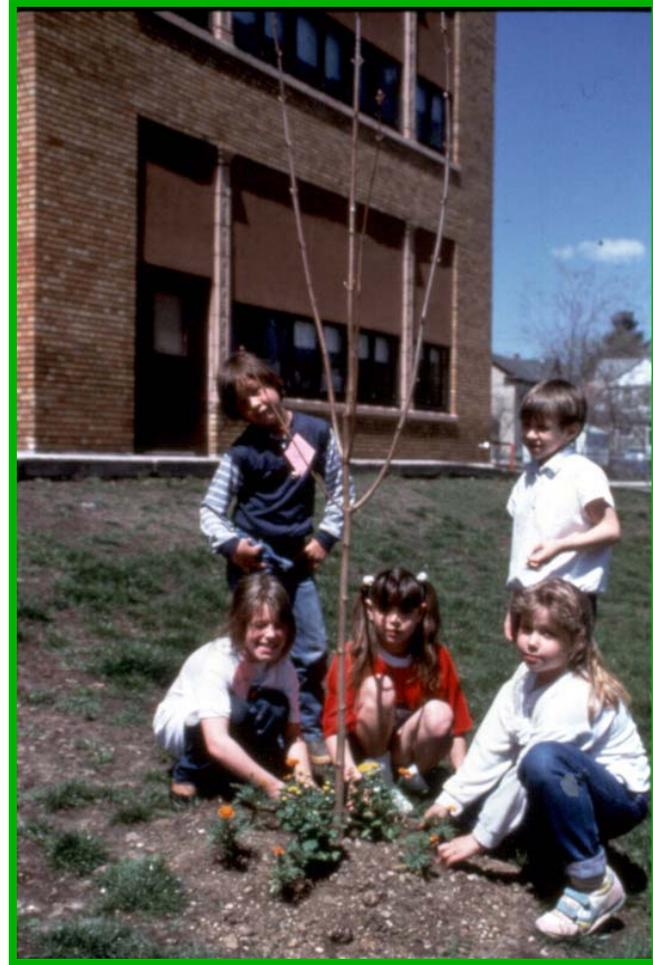


- For Teachers:
 - Gives the opportunity to incorporate a variety of strategies, approaches, topics and experiences.
 - Invites novelty and freshness into teaching and learning that can become routine and stale.
 - A WILD School Site is accessible. It does not require a field trip.



What are the benefits of a WILD School Site?

- **For Community:**
 - Creates opportunities for non-parental community members to make a difference.
 - Creates ownership and stewardship opportunities.
 - An opportunity for parents to participate in their children's education.

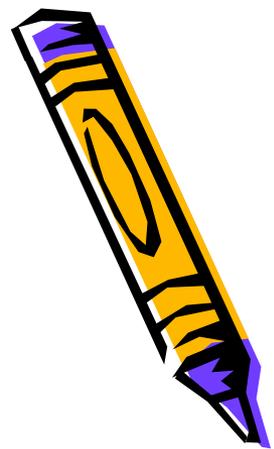


Wildlife Management

- Wildlife
- Habitat
- People

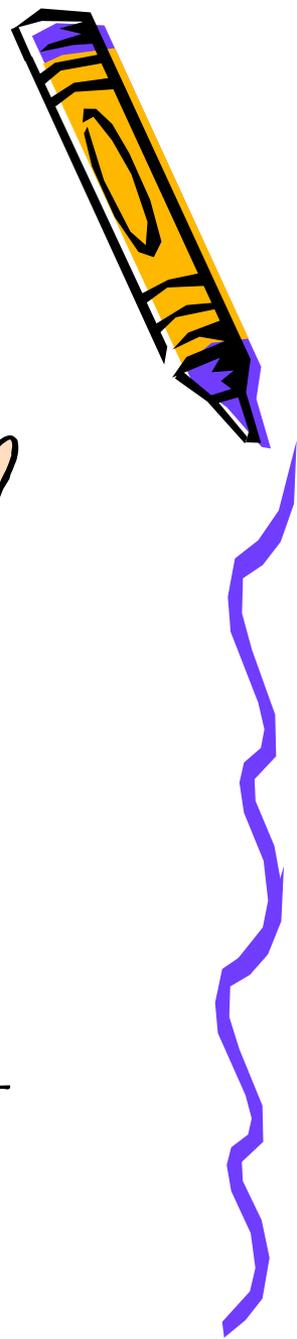
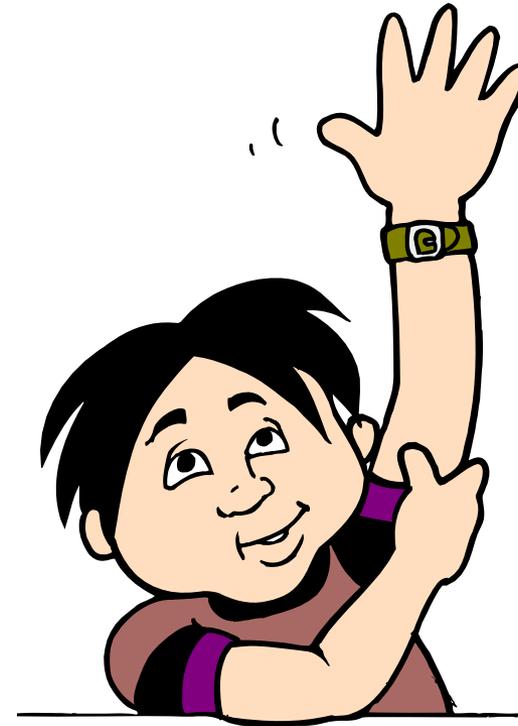
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- Students
- Educators
- Community

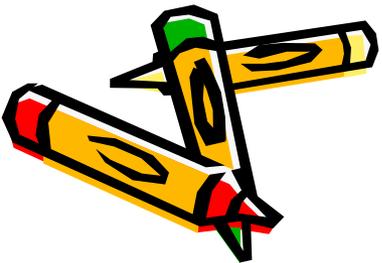


Is any school a WILD School Site?

- What do you think YOU need to create a WILD School Site?

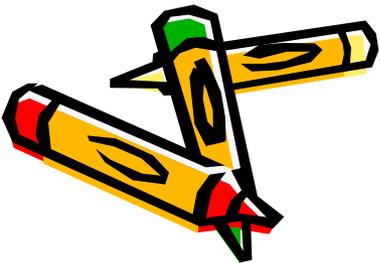
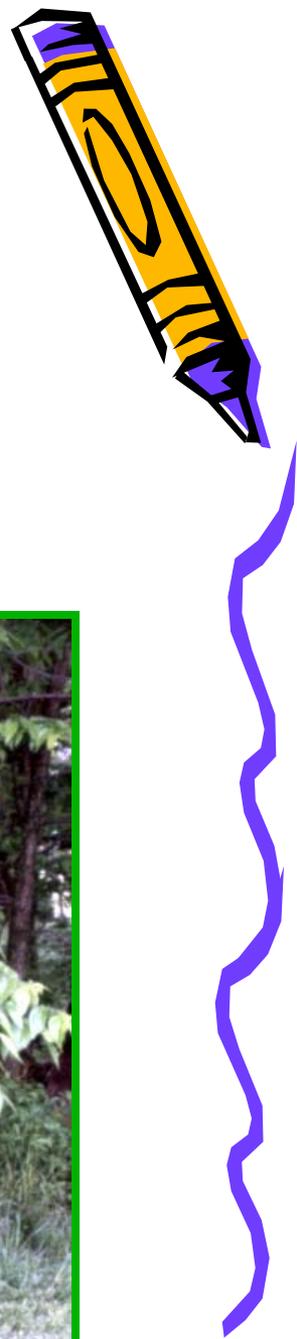


Land Lab in a Box!

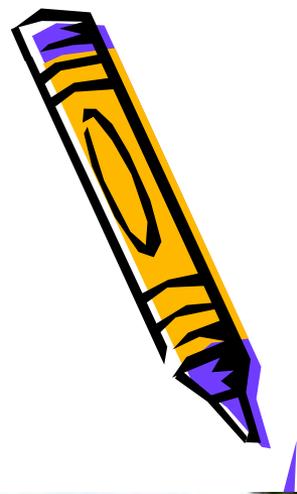


The Brick Wall!

- Think **Big!!!** But start small....
- **Get Help!!!** Or else...



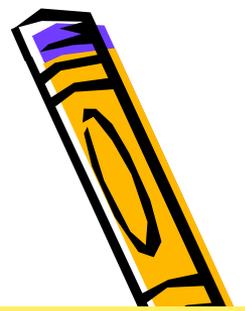
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Try to think of any pitfalls that may hinder your site... Any ideas?

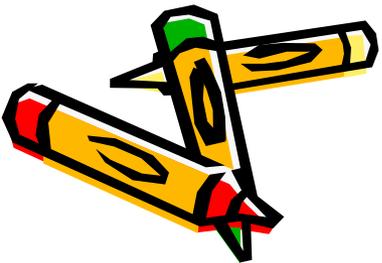


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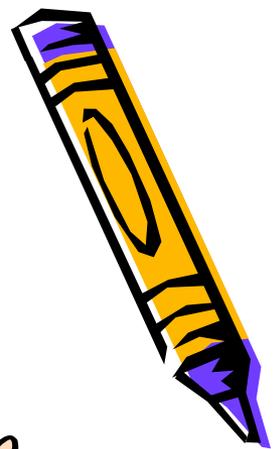


Create a
committee!

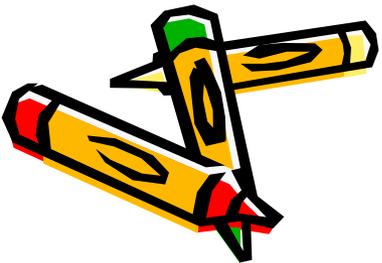
Who should
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include?



Is any school a WILD School Site now?



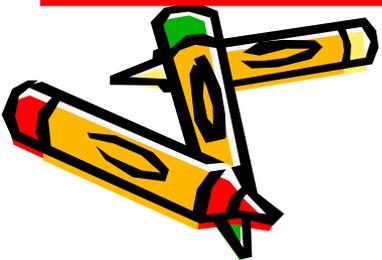
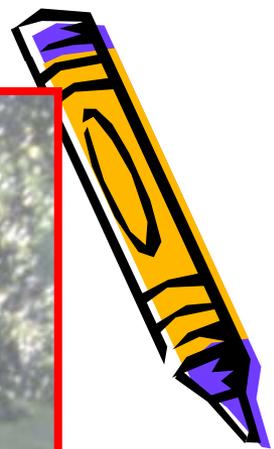
- What are the features of a WILD School Site?
- How are you using the site now?



Every School Site is a WILD School Site!

What Projects Can We Do?

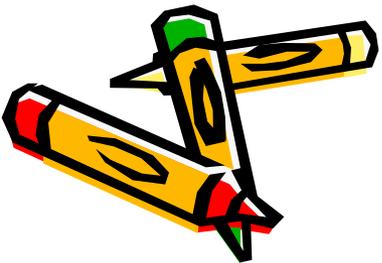
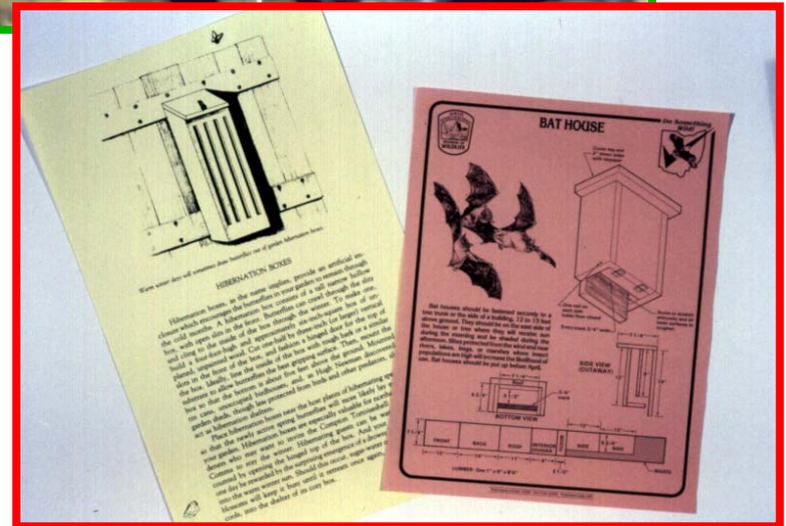
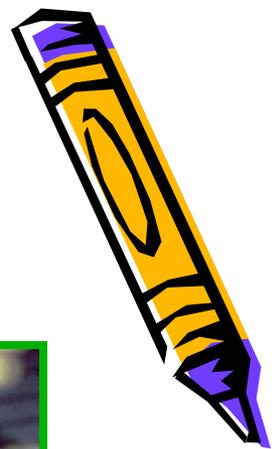
- Nest Box Monitoring
- Feeding Stations
- Small Ponds
- Butterfly/Herb/Vegetable Gardens
- Brush Piles
- Stay off the Mower!



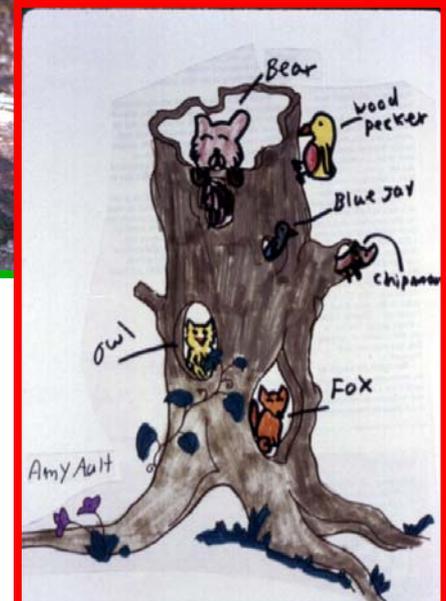


Bird Feeders and Stations

Habitat and Homes for Wildlife



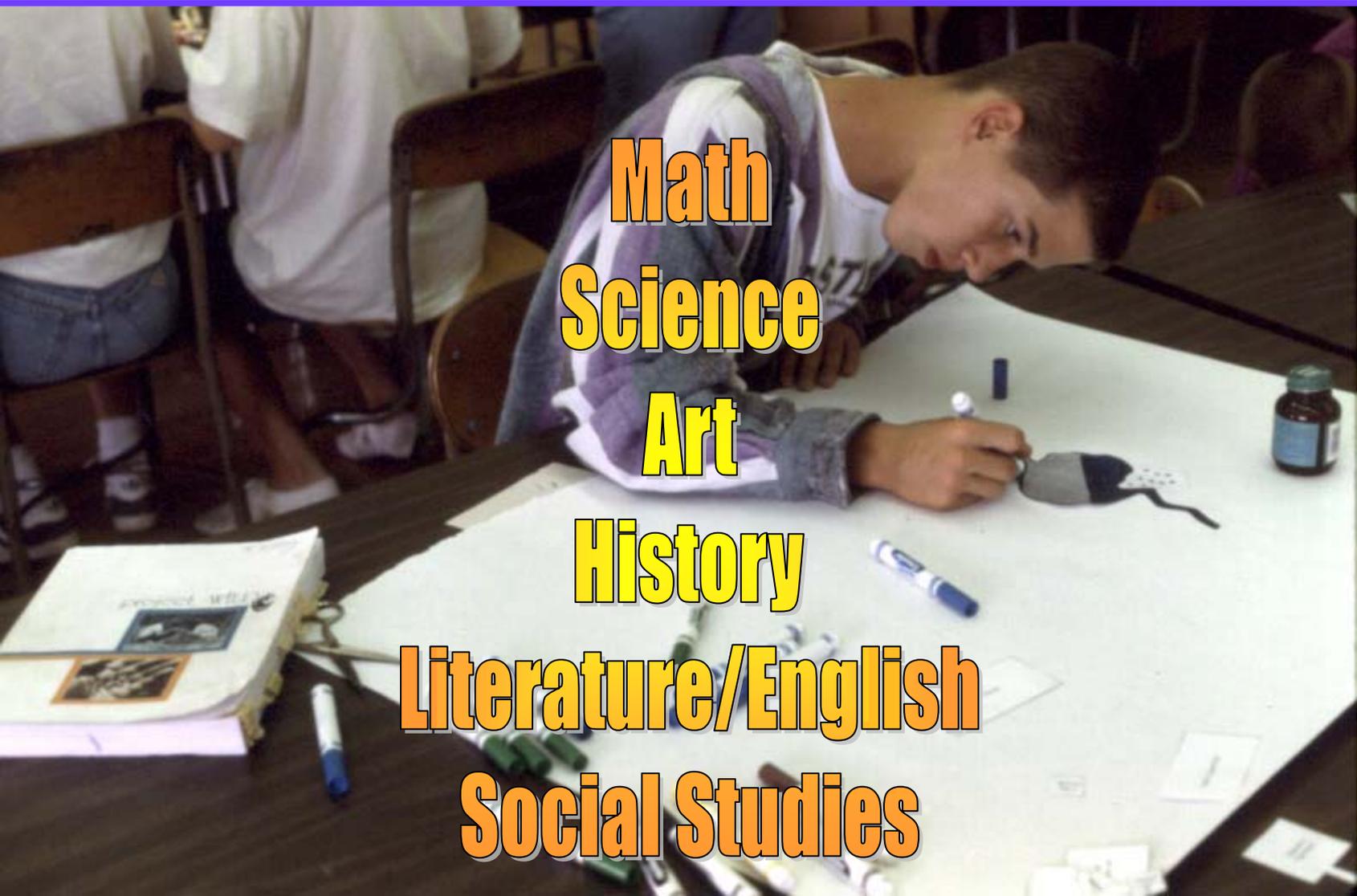
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What Activities Can We Do?



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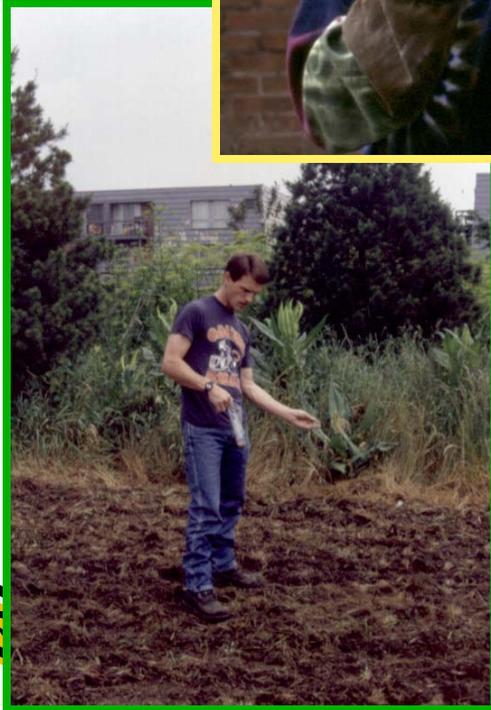
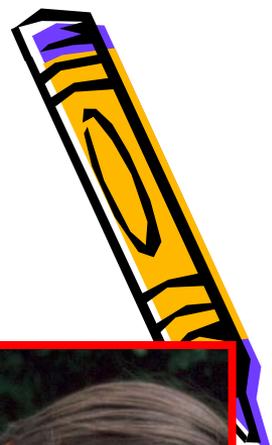
Art

History

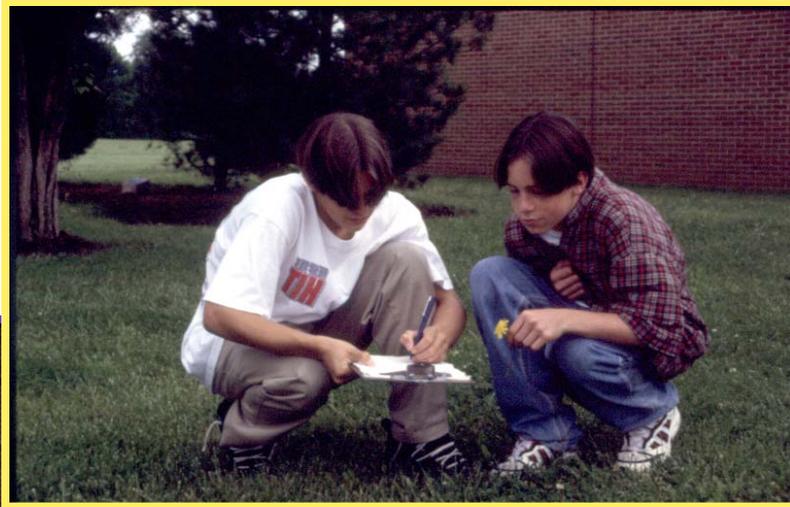
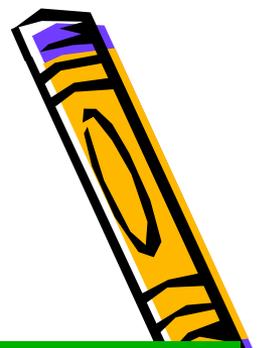
Literature/English

Social Studies

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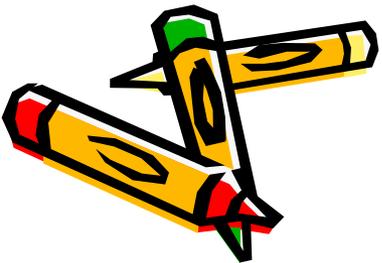
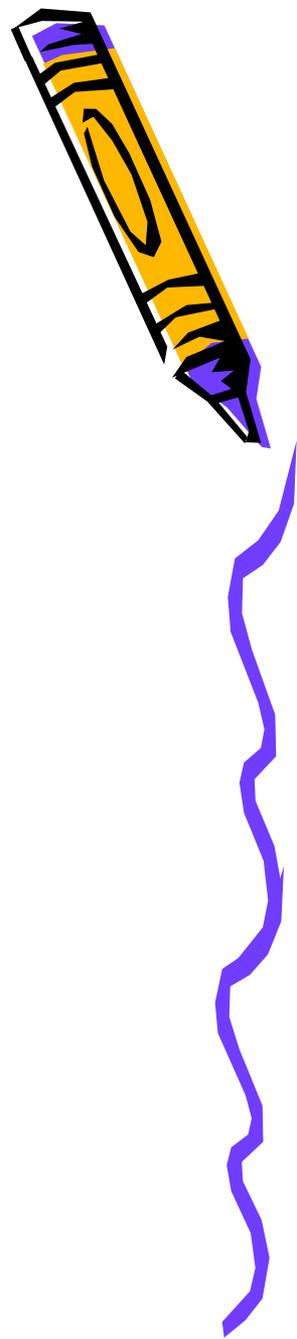


What Activities Can We Do?



What can the Division of Wildlife provide?

- Workshops
- Consultations
- Grants
- Certification

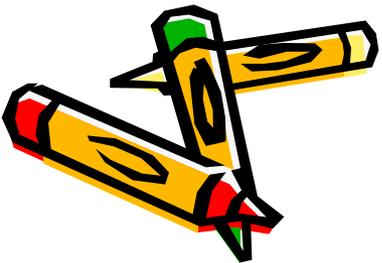
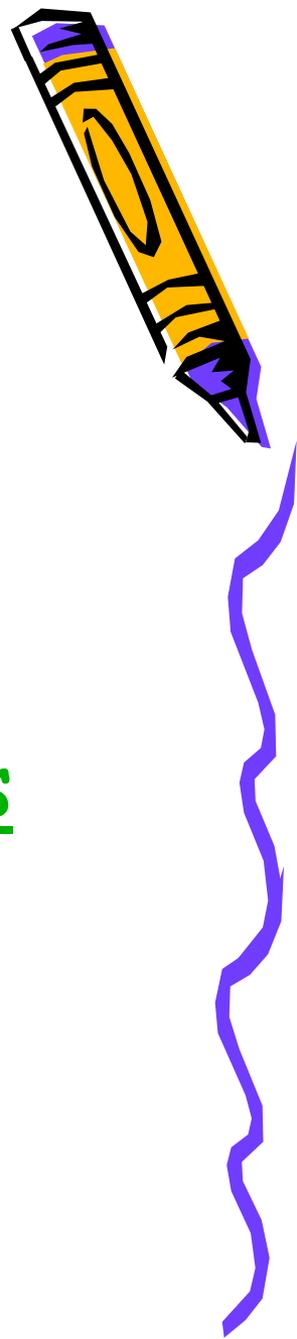


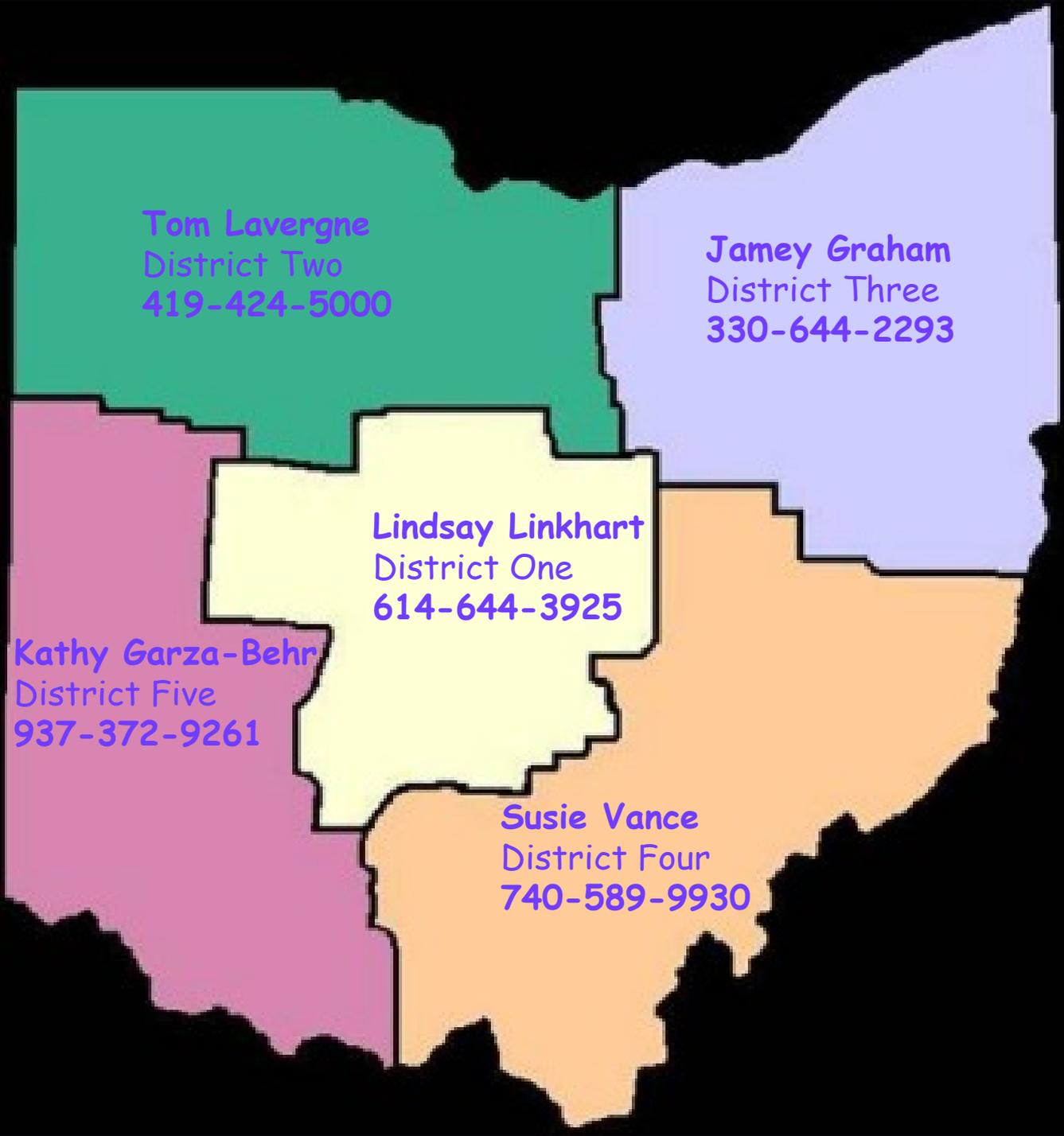


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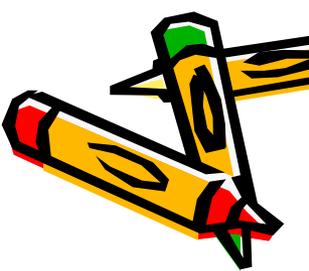
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WILD School Sites



WILD School Sites are considered an action extension of Project WILD and can involve any school property used by students, teachers, and the school community as a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment. The sites function within the premise that every school, regardless of size and location, can provide outdoor educational opportunities that can and should be part of any integrated education program.

The Division of Wildlife provides 4 basic forms of assistance to schools and organizations that are interested in having an outdoor classroom:

WILD School Site Consultations

The Division of Wildlife can provide assistance in helping you plan out your site. By contacting your local education specialist in your District Office, we can come to your facility and help you come up with ideas for lesson plans, habitat improvement projects, funding sources and more. This typically takes place in one visit. Visits can be coincided with outdoor club meetings, planning committee meetings, or teacher inservice days, depending on scheduling restrictions.

Please click [here](#) to take a short survey about WILD School Sites, land labs, outdoor classrooms, etc. Your input is important to the success of our program.

Resources

- [Workshop Information](#)
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