

Attachment 3 Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk by Ed Barrios

On June 20th to June 23rd, the Brazoria County Parks Department sponsored a Nature Camp at the Camp Mohawk County Park. There were 29 children between the ages of 7 and 13 that signed up for the camp. The children were divided into three groups, based on age.

- **Day 1 – Birds.** The groups rotated among *Bird Rehab*, *Owl Pellets* and the *Migration Game*.
- **Day 2 – Water.** Topics were *Pond Life*, *Fish Casting & Fishing*, and *Fish Printing*.
- **Day 3 – Creepy Crawlers.** Topics were *Snakes, Gators & Turtles*, *Bug Sweeping* and *Animal Tracks*.
- **Day 4 – Indians.** Topics were *Indian History*, *Camp Mohawk Nature Trail* and *Archery*.

There was a graduation ceremony at the end and all the children received a "Junior Naturalist" wristband plus the T-shirts they painted in Fish Printing and the animal tracks they poured.

Fifteen Master Naturalists that helped with the event and most of them volunteered all four days. Thanks to all of you for helping making a difference in a child's education!



It is a rewarding experience to be with the same children 4 days in a row and seeing how excited they get about the many topics they get to experience. Plus we have them outdoors learning about nature and the beautiful things that can be experienced out in the County parks. We have many teachers and parents tell us how much they appreciate Master Naturalists for volunteering their time to teach the children about nature and getting them outdoors.

Finally thanks to James Glover, Richard Hurd and the other County Parks employees that helped coordinate this event.

I will be setting up a meeting in late July to critique the Nature Camp and to discuss future events sponsored by the Brazoria County Parks. We have talked about having at least two Nature Camps during the summer and possibly, one-day Camps during the year at different parks in the County.

More Camp Mohawk photos

All photos by Marty Cornell

