

# Badlands RC&D

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The mission of Badlands Resource Conservation & Development Council is to strengthen the economic, social, and environmental growth of our multi-county area by coordinating our human and natural resources.

## 2010 Lacreek Wildlife/Conservation Day



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More than 65 interested participants attended the spring 2010 Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge-Badlands RC&D Council facilitated Wildlife Conservation Day held here in Bennett County on May 10th, 2010. Even though rain soaked, muddy roads prevented the wildlife/conservation day from being held at Lacreek National Refuge; fast thinking, hard work, and the cooperation of the Martin Fire Department made things turn out for the best. The purpose of the event was to bring the Martin Grade School sixth grade classes out to Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge to teach them about wildlife, wildlife habitat, range management, and conservation of soil & water natural resources.

Heidi Williamson, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Biologist Technician, took the lead in developing a quality program targeted at not only educating these youngsters but entertaining them in the process. The goal for the event was to make it so much fun for the students they wouldn't realize they were being taught. Topics presented to the students at work stations included facts about soils, range & range management, wildlife & wildlife habitat,

reptile & herpetology, and Lacreek Refuge facts. The students were split up into six 4-5 member groups and rotated through the learning stations. Presenters at each work station taught the students critical facts and information about each topic. The students were totally engrossed in each training session.

An extremely good meal was served to the entire crowd. City/county leaders and private citizens of Bennett County were also among the group attending.

Sharon Denison represented Badlands RC&D Council and staff personnel, Tami Mueller-Program Assistant of Badlands RC&D served extraordinarily in the role of facilitating & organizing the event.

A Great time of education, entertainment, fellowship, and good food was had by all!

Each student, teacher, presenter, sponsor, worker, and organizer was awarded a Lacreek Wildlife/Conservation Day 2010 T-shirt to proudly wear and display.

We are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Lacreek Wildlife Conservation Day on May 9th, 2011.



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