



(Left) Students from Minot Catholic Schools display Eco Ed T-shirts. (Right) Mark Crosby, District Conservationist, Bowbells, explains range plants and grazing principles to students attending the 2010 Eco Ed Days.

## 2010 Eco-Ed Reaches Nearly 600 Students

Another successful year at the Mouse River park for the 2010 Eco Ed which was held on September 8th and 9th. About 550 students from 12 Schools arrived at the park for a day of outdoor class experiences.

This year's presenters were: Audrey Barnhardt of Williston State College and North Dakota Park Service, Dr. Chris Beachy of Minot State College, Mark Crosby, NRCS District Conservationist of Bowbells, Sarah Tunge of North Dakota Forest Service in Bottineau, Heather Duchscherer of the ND Health Dept. and Kristin Brennan NRCS-Soil Survey Leader.

The students traveled to six stations to learn about frogs, salamanders, wetlands, range and pastureland, water quality-macro's, forestry, soils, and snakes. They were all given a pretest about environmental issues and a post test when they were back in their schools to see what they learned. Lunch was catered by Arlan Gartner of Jack & Jill Kenmare.

Thank you to the Sponsors, Teachers, Volunteers, and the Staff at Mouse River Park for all the hard work and donations to make the Eco Ed possible.

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