

Fact Sheet



Earth Team Volunteers

They're Making a Difference in Texas



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What is the Earth Team?

In 1981 Congress authorized the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept volunteers to increase soil and water conservation efforts, and to do this by working closely with Soil and Water Conservation Districts. In Texas, the Earth Team is a growing volunteer workforce making a difference. The concept of Earth Team includes not only volunteers, but also NRCS staff and Conservation Districts. The mission of the Earth Team is to provide an effective volunteer workforce within the NRCS to help people conserve, improve and sustain our resources and environment.

Volunteers can help expand efforts in soil and water conservation. Anyone 14 years or older and interested in saving our precious soil and water can join the Earth Team. Volunteers may work part-time, full-time, outdoors or in the NRCS office.

What Can You Do?

On the Land

- Soil
- Surveying
- Water Sampling
- Establishing Wildlife Habitat
- Native Grass Seeding
- Resource Inventories
- Conservation Practice Layout
- Planting Trees

In the Community

- Conservation Planning
- Photography
- Conservation Education
- Writing
- Special Tours and Fairs
- Conservation Youth Groups
- Outdoor Classrooms and Nature Areas
- Public Speaking

In the Office

- Drafting
- Computer Data Entry
- Map Interpretations
- Typing
- Telephoning
- Editing
- Reception
- Filing

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