

Limestone County Holds 15th Annual Groundwater Festival

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Waves of elementary students descended on the Athens State University Campus Friday, March 22nd, 2013, for the 15th annual Ground Water Festival. Fifteen schools with 1,002 Athens City and Limestone County fourth graders attended along with teachers and chaperones.

The theme this year was "Peace, Love and Clean Drinking Water." The event featured an ecological-friendly show by magician Steve Trash.

Hands-on activities included stringing water cycle bracelets and making edible aquifers.

Making Water Cycle Bracelets taught the students about nature's recycling system.

The students placed various colors of beads onto a bracelet. Each color bead represented the different step of the hydrologic cycle. After the activity, the students had a bracelet to keep and use as a tool to explain the water cycle to family and friends.

The students also made edible aquifers, which represented groundwater streaming through underground soil or rock and contain an ample supply of water for wells and springs. The students also learned about water filtration using cups, coffee filters, strainers and cheesecloth.

A total of 86 volunteers from various agencies and organizations assisted with teaching the activities, guiding the students to their activities, registration, organizing the buses and other duties. Thanks to all the volunteers for their time and effort in making the festival successful!



Mike Roden, with Alabama Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC&D Council, asks a student a thought provoking question, as he explains about aquifers during the Edible Aquifer activity.