

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Environmental Education Teacher Workshop



Above: The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsored a 3- day Teacher Workshop on June 25 - 27, 2013 highlighting "watersheds". On day 1 they toured the Smith Lake Hydro Dam. Where John Davidson with Alabama Power showed a brief power point presentation, then took us on a inside tour of the hydro plant. We and went down 4 floors beneath the lake. There we got to see all the turbines in action that generate electricity. What an awesome tour!! That afternoon Phyllis McGuire, with the State Soil & Water Conservation Committee presented various water related programs and hands-on demonstrations to the teachers.



On day 2 we toured the future site of the Duck River Dam with reservoir manager Tim Scott. Then, on to the City of Cullman Water Treatment plant where Wendy Waldrop with the City of Cullman Utilities Board, gave us a tour of the plant and then took us all up in the tower to get a bird's eye view of the facility and Lake Catoma.





On day 3 Allison Newell Jenkins, with Clean Water Partnership gave several water related presentations and did hands on projects like the one above (right) where the teachers got to make their own watersheds in a box. That afternoon we surprised the teachers with guest speaker Dr. Doug Phillips with "Discovering Alabama". We got to view several previews of the newest DVDs of the Discovering Alabama series, and also got to see the first Discovering Alabama Model School.

