

TAKO has had a very busy spring! On April 25th we celebrated EarthDay with a Tree Planting activity. Fayette County Conservation presented information on Forest Management including information on recent tree removal and plantings. It was a cold and rainy day, but those that ventured out with us enjoyed some homemade chicken and rice soup by a nice fire at the Civilian Conservation corps shelter at Echo Valley State Park.

The following weekend, on May 2nd, TAKO welcomed the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association (HFFA) at Houg Educational Farm near Elgin, Iowa. HFFA presented information on Fly fishing, taught us how to tie flies and how to cast a fly rod. The weather was absolutely perfect. Maid-rites and hotdogs were provided by the great cooks from HFFA.

The following month, we hosted two fishing events. The first was Saturday June 6 at the lake at Volga River State Park and the second event, co-sponsored by Volunteers for Youth, was on Sunday June 7 at Fontana State Park. Dawn Amundson, Environmental Education Coordinator from the Fayette County Conservation Board provided fishing poles. Bruce Fink, board member and owner of the West Union Hardware Store, provide the bait. Andy Pugh, board member, provided the grill/smoker and we smoked hotdogs. Very tasty! Over 100 people attend these events.

Our next scheduled event is on August 28th at Echo Valley State Park along Otter Creek. We are planning a Scavenger Hunt and creek exploration event.

