



Star Prairie Land
Preservation Trust, Inc.
P.O. Box 88
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Jack Hayes Memorial Dedication

Saturday, July 19, 2008
at 1:00 p.m.

A short program and refreshments
will be provided.

Enter the McMurtrie Preserve off Cty
M, just north of Star Prairie, park in
the lot and follow the signs on the
trail to the location of
the dedication.

Annual Meeting Notice

Wednesday, August 6, 2008
at 6:00 p.m.
at the Star Prairie Town Hall.





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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FRIENDS

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ACTIVITY UPDATES



New Richmond High School Service Day 2008

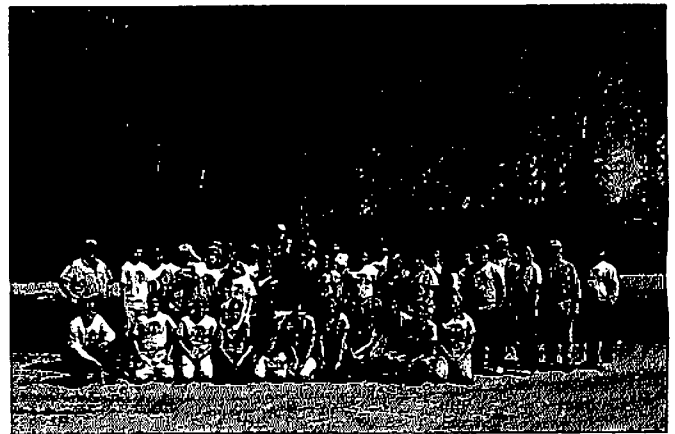
On Wednesday, May 14th, over 900 students plus New Richmond High School staff and volunteers provided physical help for more than 35 separate projects in New Richmond and the surrounding area. A group of Alternative School students and a home room from Mrs. Bull's class were bussed to the McMurtrie Preserve west of Star Prairie to accomplish a long list of tasks on that property.

The McMurtrie Preserve is a premier natural area in the county. The 63 acre tract of land, generously donated by Phyllis and Bob Menke in early 2005, provides 1400 feet of Cedar Lake shoreline with an interior diversity of wildlife habitat including wetlands, hardwoods, oak savannah and pine plantations. A trail system meanders through the property providing access to each of its natural areas.

One group of students planted sedges in an infiltration pond that had recently been constructed in the center of the parking lot leading into the preserve. These plantings will prevent erosion and provide aquatic habitat for numerous species of animals along with providing aesthetic beauty to the area.

Using pick axes, hole diggers and a variety of shovel types, another group of students dug in a drainage pipe and installed an overflow basin for the infiltration pond in case of heavy rains.

More students dug in trail marker and interpretive signage posts which will be used when the self guided trail guide system is in place. A Jack Hayes memorial sign bracket and stone base was also constructed along with entrance gates to the preserve. Modifications to the dock located at South Cedar Bay access were also performed. Topping off the activities was a total clean up of the area to allow general maintenance on the preserve property to continue. The projects the students accomplished that day will go a long way in enhancing the quality of the preserve and surrounding area. It is amazing how much can get accomplished in such a short time period.



The NR High School Service Learning Day was held May 14, 2008. Many projects were completed for the SPLPT with the help of this enthusiastic group and many adult volunteers. Our thanks to everyone that made the day such a success.

