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2nd Annual Whitewater High School Field Day at Bluff Creek State Natural Area

In late October a group of Whitewater High School students partnered with KMLT and the Wisconsin DNR to participate in a unique, immersive conservation field day. Bluff Creek State Natural Area located only minutes from Whitewater High School, provided a wonderful environment for hands-on learning, and putting conservation into practice.

This field day connects students with their local natural environment to demonstrate the importance of managing land and protecting natural resources. By providing first hand, interactive conservation experiences students have the opportunity to see how they can make a positive impact and improve local habitat.

This environmental education program was sponsored by We Energies Foundation, and The Coburn Company, Inc.

With guidance from conservationists, land stewards, and teachers, the students removed invasive plant species such as Buckthorn and Honeysuckle that were pushing out native species. Students also collected seeds from threatened plants, which will be distributed this winter by the Wisconsin DNR. The students' hard work will help native species to return to the area, and improve the overall health of the habitat.



Thank you to our volunteers Ginny Coburn, Herb Sharpless, and Rev. Jerry Petersen – you helped make this event a success! Thanks also to the Wisconsin DNR crew Jared Urban and Eric Tarman-Ramcheck for all their hard work.

KMLT would also like to thank our partners, Whitewater High School, We Energies Foundation, The Coburn Company, Inc., Wisconsin DNR, and the Rock River Coalition.

