

May 27, 2019

Dear Dan, Shirley and Tom and the Entire Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee:

On May 20, 2019 the entire 4th grade in Adams County came to the Full Cycle Tree Farm to have an outdoor experience in the woods. While there, each child learned how to plant a tree and DID plant a tree or two they also heard from the "old lady" tree farmer about the Cottonville Fire and how 4th graders each year have come help regenerate the land by tree planting☺! This was the 20th straight year I have invited 4th graders to an Arbor Day event. This would not have been possible without the generosity of WTFC and the help of many volunteers, Heartland Farms and the A-F School District. So, even though I am unable to attend many WTFC meetings, I am grateful you support educational activities for the next generation. One never knows what sparks the interest in a young mind for future passions and work professions!

In addition to tree planting volunteers (NOTE: Jim and Marlene Zdanovec; Merlin and Georgie Becker {National & Regional Tree Farmer's and WWOA volunteers Lee Johnston & Colleen Louisan) all joined me and other neighbors and friends for this 20th Arbor Day event! My neighbor, Peggy Werner and former 4th grade teacher helped students use a two man crosscut saw to make "tree cookies" (8-10inches in diameter!). They also tried moving big pieces of wood with a "come along" (at least that's what I call it☺). And, some even tried log-rolling with their feet. The Friendship DNR station crew (Terri Wilson, Brett & 2 others) taught tree identification and tree planting techniques. Wildfire precautions were discussed. A commercial tree planter was brought by the Ranger Station and described for plantation planting! It was great to interact with groups of 10 year olds without competing with cellphones or I-Pads☺!

So, thank you again WTFC, for your continued loyal support over the years! Those 110 young people enjoyed the day. This will be the **last** year this particular Arbor Day Event will be held at the Full Cycle Tree Farm. Hopefully, the School District will continue a similar tradition!

Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Daney Livingston