



THE ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY'S

ADAMS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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Mr. John Wilker
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Division of Natural Heritage
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Dear Mr. Wilker:

I want to let you know how our "Environmental Education Collaboration" project funded by the Wildlife Preservation Fund is progressing. In a word -- great! Thanks to the funding from the IDNR, on-going environmental education programs reach disadvantaged students at three Springfield schools. In the month of January, over 400 students participated in programs.

I have an intern from Springfield College in Illinois who assists with programs during the after-school Scope sessions at McClelland, Matheny, and Pleasant Hill schools. Our topics have included "why leaves turn color in autumn", "animals in winter", "bird beak adaptations", and the "web of life". The number of students attending each program is between 35 and 50 children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Without the grant funds to pay an intern, I couldn't do these programs.

Teachers at these schools have also used my in-class presentations to supplement the science curriculum. All of the fourth graders at McClelland dissected owl pellets and then reconstructed the skeletons they found. The students also wrote about the experience in their daily journals. Kindergarten students at Matheny had three presentations about birds, including making peanut butter and pine cone bird feeders.

Students from the Springfield College in Illinois botany class assisted with an afternoon of Project Wild activities for the 85 students at St. Cabrini school in October. The SCI instructor and I are planning a similar event for the students at Matheny school in April. Using SCI students to present the activities enables us to serve all 250 students in one afternoon, plus gives the college students valuable experience in informal education.

I am enclosing copies of receipts for educational program supplies and an accounting of the number of hours worked by the SCI intern. I have been trying to take photos of the students doing activities, but it is difficult to teach and photograph at the same time. When I have the film developed, I'll send make sure you get copies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan J. Shaw".

Susan J. Shaw
Director, Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

P.S. I never received a copy of the contract. Would it be possible to get one? Thank you.

IDNR WILDLIFE PRESERVATION FUND SMALL PROJECTS GRANT 1999/2000
EXPENDITURES

Date	Paid to	Description	Amount
11/1/99	Jeffrey Alan	Yarn	\$1.39
12/6/99	Acom Naturalists	Owl pellets	\$95.04
12/16/99	Office Depot	Poster board	\$6.38
12/28/99	Shop-n-Save	Peanut butter	\$4.99
1/26/00	Office Depot	Display board	\$5.99
1/24/00	Amazon.com	Resource books	\$28.87
TOTAL – EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES			\$142.66
9/21/99 - 1/25/00	Gary Green	Intern – programs 63 hours@ \$7/hour S.S. and tax 63 hours@ \$.54/hour	\$441.00 \$34.02
TOTAL FOR INTERN			\$475.02
GRAND TOTAL SPENT			\$617.68

GARY GREEN -- HOURS TO BE CHARGED TO IDNR GRANT

DATE	# HOURS	Program/project
9/21	2	School class visit
9/25	4	Program
9/27	1	Planning meeting
9/28	2	Matheny SCOPE
9/30	5	Program planning, inventory of educational supplies
10/2	4	Program
10/5	2	McClemand SCOPE
10/7	3	Program
10/19	2	Pleasant Hill SCOPE
10/21	4	Program
10/26	2	Matheny SCOPE
10/28	3	Program
11/2	2	McClemand SCOPE
11/4	3	Program
11/13	2.5	Tiger cub group
11/16	2	Pleasant Hill SCOPE
11/18	3	Sorting, cataloging educational library
11/23	2	Matheny SCOPE
11/30	2.5	Program
12/7	2	McClemand SCOPE
12/9	2	Program
12/14	2	Pleasant Hill SCOPE
1/4/00	2	McClemand SCOPE
1/18/00	2	Pleasant Hill SCOPE
1/25	2	Matheny SCOPE