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Bowling Green Glows Green

Mark Twain Lake, January 24, 2008--- It may not be St. Patrick's day but students in Bowling Green's 5th grade and St. Clements 7th & 8th grades are glowing "Green". These students are the first winners of the Corps of Engineers Environmental Education Day projects. Park Ranger Mary Heitmeyer presented the students with Awards of Excellence. The students had to rebuild their hometown, green, after an asteroid destroyed their old one. The students listened to the exhibitors and did research to make their ideal town.

Mark Twain Lake's Environmental Education Day started as a small session in 1990, as a platform for sharing information about the environment among businesses, manufactures, government agencies and special interest groups with students and teachers. Seventeen years ago, the word "green" brought to mind Kermit of the Muppets fame not the environmental movement. The simple objective was to find a new way of getting students in 4th grade through 8th grade and their teachers more interested in the environmental issues.

The environmental event encourages students to discover how to improve our natural environment, health and community through educational presentations and informative displays by environmentally friendly businesses and organizations. The 2008 event will take place on September the 19. For more information, please phone the Project Office at 573-735-4097.