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# News Release

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## **The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Launches New Initiative--Outdoor Classrooms, One Bucket at a Time!**



The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is pleased to announce their latest educational resource kit for Virginia educators. The kit: "Outdoor Classrooms, One Bucket at a Time" was the vision of Sandy Greene (Headwaters SWCD). Sandy and members of the Education Committee developed bucket kits to help take students outside in their schoolyard, play area, after school program or local YMCA where they can discover the wonders of the natural world. The kit contents encourage exploration and investigations that immerse students (and adults) in an awareness of what can be found in their local watershed, which includes wildlife, water and soils. The kits also include a list of pointers on how an outdoor classroom can integrate language arts, math, science, social studies, health, physical education, art and music.

Getting children outdoors is crucial--what better way than a bucket at a time!

For more information visit <http://www.vaswcd.org/outdoorclassrooms.htm>