

RITA in Action

RITA Projects

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Are you entering the spring season and feel like there are too many projects and not enough hands? RITA techs can be that extra support needed when we find ourselves overbooked or over eager to introduce more conservation topics to the community. RITA techs are encouraged to put on events specifically for the district to help increase connection and engagement throughout the community.

Hanna, RITA Tech 7, has been able to take on an event for three of her counties for the past three years to allow them to focus on putting on other workshops and field days. This allows Vigo, Vermillion and Parke counties SWCD's to partner and maximize their spring programming with less stress! Hanna communicates with the districts to make sure the event is geared for their community members and has been in charge of setting up and planning this event.

This event is the Wild Fungi- Mushroom Workshop and is a two part workshop separated into two separate evenings with two different speakers. The first workshop took place on Monday 16th at 6:00pm at the Rangeline Conservation Club, with David Mow from Morgan Co SWCD, speaking on foraging and IDing wild mushrooms. This event was a hit with 50 participants in attendance! The second workshop was on Monday the 23rd, at the same location with Cayle Moreo, Sustainability Director from Indiana State University. Cayle taught the attendees how to grow their own gourmet and medicinal mushrooms at home! This evening also had maximum involvement with 50 participants!



Both evenings were set up in loose lecture style, with room for questions and discussions throughout! The second evening with Cayle, the attendees had the opportunity to build and take home their very own Pink Oyster mushroom logs! Cayle has brought in grain spawn that his students' at ISU put together. This allows the participants to learn hands-on how to start and sustain their own log.



Our RITA techs continue to bring a lot of great opportunities and learning experiences to the communities we work with. Ask your RITA techs how they could help you and your team increase your program capacity.