

Attending an Interpretive Program could get YOU a new Book for your Classroom!

On May 21, 2010, Jan Martinsen and the 4th graders from St. John's Lutheran Academy, participated in our Ponder A Pond and Swamp Stomp programs at Spicer Lake Nature Preserve. In the morning, students discovered there is more to a pond than just what you see on the surface. Using strainers, they scooped in the bottom of the pond and realized there is a lot of life living in the muck! Dragonfly nymphs and giant water bugs were just a few things the students discovered. Ms. Martinsen had this to say about the pond program, "What a great investigative day! The students loved scooping the pond and discovering what they had scooped up." In the afternoon, the students ended the day by hiking through the swamp and getting a close up look at a wetland habitat.

Ms. Martinsen filled out and returned her program evaluation to us, so she was entered into our book drawing. Now she has the book *The Science of Living Things: What is a Life Cycle*, by Bobbie Kalman to add to her classroom library.

Thank you to Ms. Martinsen and all of the other teachers who returned program evaluations. We greatly appreciate the support you show our interpretive programs here at St. Joseph County Parks!



Taking a close-up look at the insects they scooped in the pond.