

Conservation Field Days Essay

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Did you know that invasive plants kill and take over the native plants' territory? At Conservation Field Days I learned this and much more at the natives and invasive station. That's why I learned the most at the native and invasive station.

Some interesting facts I learned at the Natives and Invasives Station were what plants were native to the area and what invasive plants are. A game we played to help us learn was that we had to split the water, sun, and invasives. There weren't enough resources for both of them! Some other things I learned about the plants were that invasive plants kill native plants because they don't have enough water and nutrients for both of them. Then we also learned that native plants work well with others! Then we finally learned that a native plant is a plant that comes from there naturally with no human interaction involved!

At Conservation field Days we learned that native plants adapted to the local area and soils. Then the instructor told us that plants need water, sun, and nutrients but when invasive plants come they take over the native plants land, water, and nutrients! We learned that Native plants to Emerson Park are Bee Balm, Aster, Black-eyed Susan, Milkweed, and Coneflower. We finally learned that sometimes you can see Milkweed by the shore!

In conclusion the Natives and Invasives were the best and funnest station at Conservation field Days. Now when I'm in my backyard or at a park I know what to look out for! I now know what plants are good and native versus invasive and bad for my backyard.