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Environmental Services we provide:

- Environmental Management System
- Environmental Compliance Training and Assistance
- Hazardous Material/Hazardous Waste Management
- Natural and Cultural Resources Management

If you have any questions, please contact us at 354-6795 or

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We can assist you with any occurring environmental issue or question!

Celebration at the Wildlife Park



The wildlife park "An den Eichen" in Schweinfurt is celebrating the newly constructed Owl area on **29 July 2012 starting at 10:30 AM**. This event is called "Im Namen der Eule-Fest". There will be live entertainment with local comedians and jazz music.

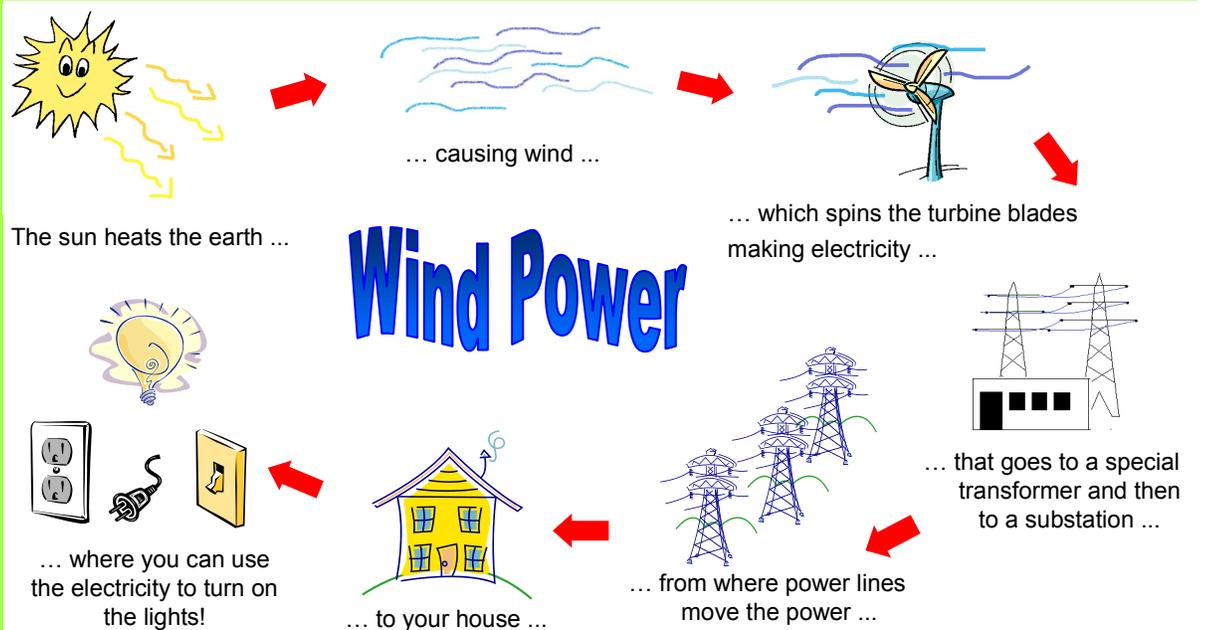
Previously, the park was collecting donations to finance this project with a fund-raising campaign. The main attractions of the park are its numerous animals such as moose, lynxes, highland cattle, and vultures, all living in near-natural environment.

Furthermore, several playgrounds give children the opportunity to climb a "chicken barn", a gigantic wooden moose, or a tree house. Children can also have fun in the petting zoo, where they can feed or stroke the goats. Note: Do not feed the animals anything other than the food provided in the park.

Check out the website at www.wildpark-Schweinfurt.de



Did You Know? How Does Wind Power Turn on Your Lights?



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Bees, Wasps, and Hornets



Just as we are becoming more and more active outdoors with summer right around the corner, so do bees and other insects. While often considered a nuisance, bees, wasps, and hornets actually play a vital role in the environment.

Did you know?

Worldwide, there are almost 1 million different insect species. Bees, wasps, and hornets just make up a very tiny group of these. Bees have been around for about 90 million years, and probably the best known of these, the honey bee, evolved at least 35 million years ago.



Bees are well known because of the honey produced by honey bees. Much more important, however, is the role of bees as pollinators. Bumblebees and honey bees are among the most important pollinators of crops and other plants. Pollination is vital for the life cycle of flowering plants, including agricultural crops, and is therefore also essential for food production. Wasps and hornets are "insectivorous insects", i.e., insects that feed on other insects, and play a vital role in keeping the populations of agricultural pests and other nuisance insects in check.

Insecticides and other pesticides, as well as the destruction of wild flower habitats, threaten the survival of these very essential insects. To help protect these species, do not destroy their nests. If you find a nest that is causing a problem, leave it up to the experts to remove it! Call the Environmental Division for assistance, DSN 354-6795.

If you are stung...

- ✓ Remove the stinger immediately and carefully with tweezers or fingers to avoid spreading the venom.
- ✓ Wash the area with soap and water.
- ✓ Gently cool the area of the sting with e.g. a damp facecloth.
- ✓ Raise the part of the body that has been stung to prevent swelling.
- ✓ Use a spray or cream containing local anaesthetic or antihistamine to prevent itching and swelling.
- ✓ Don't scratch the sting—it may become infected.
- ✓ If stung in the mouth or throat, or if an allergic reaction occurs, seek medical assistance immediately.

Tips for dealing with bees, wasps, and hornets

- ⇒ DON'T panic!
- ⇒ DON'T try to hit or frighten insects!
- ⇒ DON'T try to destroy insect nests!
- ⇒ DO cover sweet foods and meat products!
- ⇒ DO only drink from a straw (especially from cans or opaque bottles)!

The Bavarian Garden Show in Bamberg

Between April 26 and

October 7, 2012, Bamberg is hosting the Bavarian Garden Show. Throughout the city, visitors can enjoy beautifully landscaped areas at various sites. A total of 400 trees, 5,500 bushes, 50,000 shrubs and ground cover plants, and 255,000 flower bulbs have been cultivated for the show on a total area of almost 20 ha.



The main site of the Garden Show is the ERBA Park, a former industrial site previously home to the Erlangen-Bamberg cotton mill. During World War II, arms companies took over some of the facilities. When the plant went bankrupt in the early 1990s, the site became a brownfield site. Over the past few years, the site has been cleaned up and revitalized, becoming a green local recreation area with a historic touch. It is a great example of successful renaturation and urban renewal.

The main attractions at this site include the fish way and the pyramid meadow. **For kids, the site offers playgrounds, climbing frames, and water games for various age groups.**

The ticket office is open daily from 0900 to 1800 hrs. Day tickets are € 15 for adults, € 3 for children aged 6 – 17, and free for children 5 and under.

For more information, check out the official website at <http://www.bamberg2012.de/web/en/index.php>

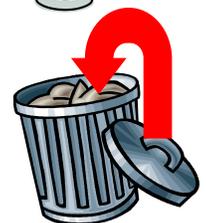


Keep Trash and Recycling Containers Closed!



More and more open trash and recycling containers are being observed throughout the USAG Schweinfurt installations. Solid waste containers are designed to be waterproof and vermin-proof. Of course, this only works if the lid is put back on or closed after each use.

If the lid is open, rainwater and leaves can accumulate in the containers. Rainwater in particular increases the weight of the trash and recyclables, severely increasing disposal costs. Garbage also attracts unwelcome vermin. Making sure that the containers are closed is an easy way to keep these critters away. A closed lid can also prevent other nuisances: Bad odors are kept inside and the wind cannot blow garbage out!



So play your part - it is easy: Just close the lid after each use!