Winfield Cub Scout Pack Attends Presentation and Tour at DuPage Water Commission

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On March 26, 2019, approximately ten Cub Scouts from Pack 575 in Winfield and some of their siblings attended a presentation and tour of the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) pumping station.

Manager of Operations Terry McGhee presented the Cub Scouts with a background on the journey of DWC's water from Lake Michigan to the DuPage Pumping Station, the Commission's customers, and finally to Scouts' taps.

He also presented the Water Conservation and Protection Program (WCAPP) to the Scouts and described what items they would be taking home with them to help conserve water. These items included: shower timers, rain gauges, leak detection tablets, educational handouts, and water bottles.

McGhee presented water conservation with examples of how to conserve water. He wrapped up the presentation with an interactive section where the children guessed how much water it took to manufacture everyday items such as: coffee, paper, t-shirts, etc.

Operations Supervisor Mike Weed lead the Scouts on a tour of the DWC pumping station to get a better understanding of how a pump station works.

See below for pictures from the presentation and tour.

WCAPP Four Programs:

Water pledge – A commitment by residents to implement specific water conservation efforts.

Toilet leak detection and repair kits – support the identification and repair of toilet leaks.

Rain gauge and landscape watering – Explanation and promotion of appropriate and efficient landscape irrigation practices.

Rain barrel program – Demonstration projects to promote the purchase, proper installation and efficient use of rain barrels for rainwater harvesting.

Terry McGhee describing the Commission’s System Background
Scouts viewing the Commission’s display on how water travels through DWC’s system

Mike Weed showing the Scouts the control room
The Scouts had the opportunity to view and touch different types of pumping equipment.

The Scouts also checked out the different types of pipes DWC utilizes in the field.
They tried their hand at turning a butterfly valve

McGhee, Weed, Den Leader Jonas Zalatoris, and Cub Scouts in front of one of DWC’s pumps