

Celebrating Mud=Big Success!

In recognition of International Mud Day, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and the Grow Up Green Program helped “Celebrate Mud” on Thursday, June 26 at the Pennypack Environmental Center, located



at 8600 Verree Road in the Fox Chase section of the city. Over 30 people, children and adults alike, participated in this fun and messy event. Although intended for children ages 2-5 years old, a few older siblings, parents and staff members also joined in on the fun and got messy themselves. People were covered from head to toe in

mud. Kiddie pools filled with mud were placed under trees with various toys and kitchen utensils scattered about. Some children sat in the mud, some dumped it on themselves, others gave parents and staff mud baths. The mud oven constructed of cardboard boxes was such a hit, getting used to



bake mud muffins and pies, that it collapsed in from all the fun. Mud art tables were available for those who weren't so ready to be covered in mud. Here, children and parents painted with mud using brushes, found objects and paint rollers. Mud hand

prints along with all mud art was hung to dry on the art clotheslines created with string and clothespins.

Before leaving the event, the children enjoyed running through the sprinkler shower and getting rinsed off with water almost as much as getting messy.



Mud. Children... and even adults. Success.

Grow Up Green is an environmental program created to connect young children with nature. Grow up Green is designed and facilitated by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation in collaboration with the Fairmount Park Conservancy and PNC Grow Up Great.



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