



INFORMATION SHEET

OKLAHOMA CITY AIR LOGISTICS CENTER

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA



COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD, AND REGULATORS

Staying in touch with community concerns is one of our most important environmental efforts at Tinker Air Force Base. We practice active listening and respond quickly to community issues. Through our established and dedicated Community Advisory Board, we address environmental issues with an open, two-way exchange of information. And, through an extensive, proactive community outreach program, we visit local schools and bring students to the base to heighten their environmental consciousness and awareness.

Working closely with regulatory agents at the local and federal levels is also of great importance to Tinker. By including these officials in our decision-making process and through regular face-to-face meetings, we improve the communications for regulatory approval and streamline the timelines that can slow environmental efforts.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fishing Clinic

Our annual youth fishing clinic brings special-needs children, from elementary age through high school, to

visit and enjoy well-stocked base ponds. In partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the children are given hands-on learning in casting, fish identification, and angler ethics, and actual fishing time at Beaver Pond. Base volunteers provide one-on-one assistance with everything from baiting a hook to casting rods and reels.

Eco-Motion

Eco-Motion, part of April's Earth Month celebration, offers an opportunity for children from local, disadvantaged schools to gain an appreciation



of the environment. Volunteer instructors lead mobile environmental classroom activities for the students. Each learning station is rooted in important aspects of the Oklahoma public school curriculum and environmental education.



Boy Scouts

Tinker helps Boy Scouts earn their Merit badges and Eagle Scout ranks. We provide projects and materials to plant trees, install trails, and conduct other conservation projects to enhance the Tinker environment.

BASE VOLUNTEERS HELP SPECIAL-NEEDS CHILDREN EXPERIENCE FISHING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The Environmental Management (EM) Directorate, created in 1985, manages environmental issues at Tinker.

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COALITIONS AND REGULATORS

Community Advisory Board

Tinker's regular, voluntary public meetings with the Community Advisory Board encourage face-to-face interaction with the community. We believe that the public has the right to know how Tinker is handling environmental issues. In addition to regular quarterly meetings, Tinker holds briefing sessions about any issues that arise, such as odors or toxic releases.



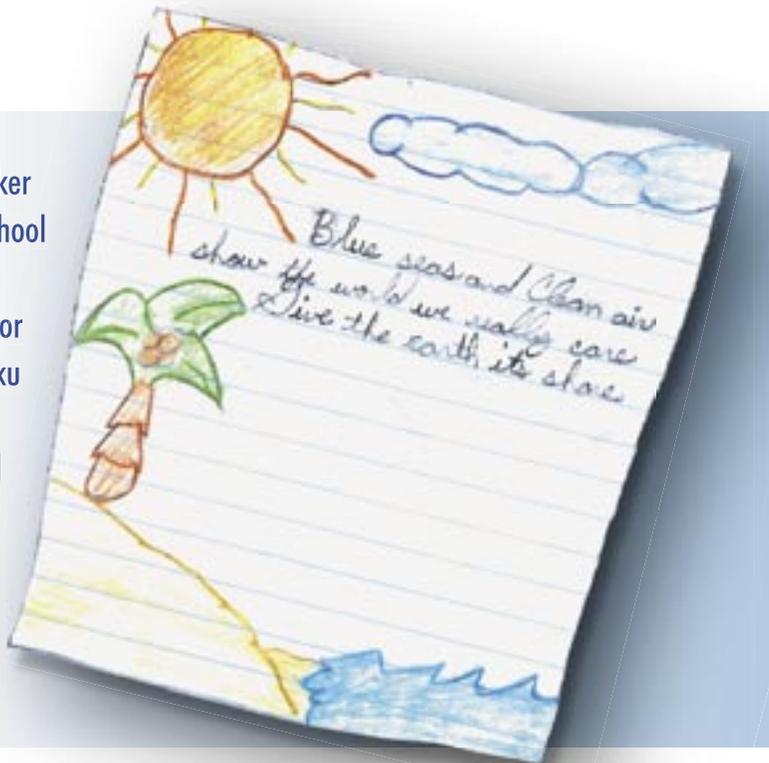
Oklahoma Military Environmental Group

The Oklahoma Military Environmental Group (OMEG) is made up of members of Tinker, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. The committee's quarterly meetings, often held at Tinker, are an integral part of communications between the base and regulators.

America Recycles Day

On America Recycles Day, November 15, recycling information and recycled promotional products are distributed to base employees and Tinker Elementary students. The Can-Stomp competition and haiku poetry writing contest are great hits with Tinker Elementary students, as is Recycloman (shown above in green).

Carolyn, a Tinker Elementary School student, won a savings bond for creating a haiku poem on an environmental theme.



Clean Cities

As a stakeholder of the Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coalition, Environmental Management at Tinker serves on many Clean Cities committees. We promote the use of alternative fuels, thus lessening our dependence on fossil fuels.

