

Several 4th & 5th grade youth spent Monday at Hop To It Engineering Camp hosted by Washington County Extension & 4-H. At this science camp students will learn and experiment ways to safely conquer an invasive species thinking as a mechanical engineer.

4-H Youth Coordinator Amy Green planned the camp using the Engineering is Elementary curriculum and was impressed and entertained with the participants' creativity even on day one. "After giving a challenge, it was fun to watch them design experiments, test them, collect data and then be challenged to go improve it."

Parents, friends and community members are invited to attend the Hop To It Project Showcase Thursday, February 11 at 4:35 p.m. at the Lincoln Library to see the many experiments and hear about the learning students had as young engineers.

This Hop To It day camp is similar to other camps which will be offered this summer for youth kindergarten to fifth grade. For more information on the camp or other opportunities for youth, contact Amy at the Washington County Extension Office at 319-653-4811.



Day ones challenge including keeping 'Ribbit' safe from alligators invading the small water areas. Youth divided into pairs to make a plan, create, test, and improve a tower to keep him safe. Partners Landon and Westin tested their tower of power with Ribbit and found they needed more support.