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Athens-Clarke Opportunities and Resources Newsletter - In a Nutshell

An Environmental Education Newsletter for Athens-Clarke County Educators - January 2008

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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Happy 2008!

Bags for Bears - Totals coming soon!

Stay tuned for the Bags for Bears final tally and winners.

Don't forget the final talley sheet is due to the Recycling Division TODAY.

Check out Oglethorpe Elementary School on the front page of the paper today!

** This is a Green School Activity.

Greenfest Steering Committee announce the Odum Environmental Grants - due February 11, 2008

Clarke, Oconee, Madison, Jackson and Oglethorpe counties are eligible for the Eugene Odum Environmental Grants. The \$200 grants may be awarded to classes at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Projects funded can deal with environmental issues on a local, national or global level. Please contact the ACC Recycling Division for complete details.

Take a Trashy Tour!

Come visit the ACC Recycling Facility for a great "smelly" field trip. Big trucks, loud machines, moving conveyor belts, strong smells - bring your students to the recycling facility and learn all about waste reduction and recycling. Contact the Recycling Division to schedule a tour! We can extend your tour with a trashy art project too.

Can't take a field trip? Contact the Recycling Division for a free DVD tour of the facility.

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Volunteer on MLK Jr. Day, January 21, 2008

Encourage students to give back to their community by participating in Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This year, 14 different projects/locations were selected throughout the community. For a list of these projects and to register, please visit www.AthensMLKDay.org . Make this day "a day on" NOT "a day off!".

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Composting Coloring Books, Teacher Guides and Backyard Composting Brochures Available

Are you interested in teaching your students the importance composting? If so, call KACCB or the Recycling Division, to request free composting coloring books, teacher guides or brochures. Help teach your students the importance of waste reduction - Mother Nature style!

New KACCB "Keepin' It Clean" Stickers

Show your support for Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful. Request KACCB's new, hip "Keepin' It Clean" stickers for each student in your classroom! E-mail requests to sfarrell@co.clarke.ga.us

Be Crafty - Not Trashy

HGTV recycled craft ideas:

http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac_ctnt_lnb_gutter/text/o,,hgtv_3938_4766,00.html

Send us your classroom reuse ideas and receive a recycled surprise, send entries to suki@acc-recycle.org.

This newsletter is a monthly newsletter from ACC Stormwater, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, ACC Public Utilities Department and ACC Solid Waste Department, Recycling Division. If you didn't receive this newsletter directly and would like to be put on the e-mail list, contact Suki at suki@acc-recycle.org

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Project WET School and Teacher of the Year

Do you know a teacher or school that engages students in water education or has participated in an educational water related project? Georgia Project WET is accepting nominations for the Project WET Teacher and School of the Year. Winners will be honored at the Environmental Education Alliance Annual Conference in March 2008. All elementary, middle and high school public or private teachers and schools are eligible, please see attached form for more information. POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15, 2008. Contact the Recycling Division an application.

Youth Environmental Symposium

Looking for a chance to win \$2000 for your middle or high class, club, or organization? Visit www.georgiaconservancy.org/education for more information and a chance to request the educational poster and YES teacher's packet.

a.. Second place winner--\$1000.00

- b.. Third place winner--\$500.00
- c.. Fourth - tenth place winners \$50.00
- d.. Lunch, t-shirt, and zoo admission provided.
- e.. Stipends available for substitute teachers and transportation.
- f.. Deadline to enter is Wed. January 23, 2008.

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CALENDAR

January

- 7 Back to School
- 21 MLK Day - No School

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BRAG BOARD!

IF you have a great Environmental Education accomplishment that you would like to share, contact Suki Janssen, suki@acc-recycle.org. The accomplishment can be for an individual or a school (examples include: award, grant, prize, activity, etc.).

Congratulations Barrow Elementary for receiving a Georgia Recycling Coalition grant for \$1000 to begin their composting efforts.

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OUT & ABOUT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

ACC staff programs and partnership with ACC schools during the month of December.

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REUSED NEWS

Items that need mentioned a second time.

Give the Gift of Green

Visit the following websites and check-out these "green" gifts:

www.greensender.com

<http://www.greenhome.com/products/>

<http://www.reusablebags.com/>

<http://www.coopamerica.org/pubs/greengifts/index.cfm>

<http://www.newdream.org/>

www.uncommongoods.com

Don't forget Helix and Frontier in downtown Athens have great "recycled" and fair trade gifts!

Litter It Costs You

Students can be part of the litter solution! The statewide anti-litter initiative- Litter. It Cost You- invites young people to get involved in cleaning up and preventing litter in Georgia. The new state litter mascot, "Buster the Brown Trasher", helps to educate students about litter issues through fun and entertaining activities. Call KACCB to request free Buster's Litter Blasting Activity Book for each student in your classroom. Help teach your students how to keep our state clean and beautiful!

Get your students involved in community service activities:

Adopt Athens/Adopt-A-Highway Program

Interested in getting your student clubs involved in community service events? Call KACCB or visit www.keepathensbeautiful.org to find out more about our Adopt Athens/Adopt-A-Highway Program. Show students that getting involved is easy and encourage them to take action! ** This is a Green School Activity

Do a playground clean-up before the holiday break!

Organize a school/playground clean sweep before the holiday vacation! Call KACCB to request clean-up supplies and vests as well as free litter bags for students to take home. Take an active part in keeping your school and home environment litter free! ** This is a Green School Activity

Invite Binny to your school

Binny, the recycling bin mascot, would like to come to your school and/or classroom to visit and encourage students to make less waste. Contact the ACC Recycling Division to make an appointment with Binny.

Free Backpacks - small Cingular Wireless Backpacks Available

The Teacher Reuse Store is overrun with backpacks - hundreds of backpacks. Contact the ACC Recycling Division if you would like some. They would make great student holiday gifts.

Environmental Education Materials

Visit WWW.EEINGEORGIA.ORG for environmental resources and projects for your students!

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