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Athens-Clarke Opportunities and Resources Newsletter - In a Nutshell

An Environmental Education Newsletter for Athens-Clarke County Educators -
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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Recycling Coordinator Open House - Next Week

Do you want to expand your recycling program? Need more bins? Have recycling questions? Find out what is new for this year. If so, visit the ACC Recycling Facility at 699 Hancock Industrial Way on Wednesday, September 12 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. to learn more about waste reduction activities planned for this school year. Contact the ACC Recycling Division for more details.

Bags for Bears - plastic wrap recycling program

This year during the months of October - December, the ACC Recycling Division is partnering with Trex and ACC Leisure Services (Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail) collecting Bags for Bears! Last year eleven schools participated collected 396,561 bags or over 6,280 pounds (3.14 tons) of plastic wrap. This year our goal is 405,000 bags or 6,500 pounds of plastic wrap. If the goal is met Trex will donate lumber to Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail for playscapes for the bears, botcats and otters. Additionally, the top five producing schools will receive special prizes from ACC Recycling Division. Please help us help the wildlife at Bear Hollow! More details will be available soon. Contact the ACC Recycling Division with questions.

Students for Recycling - Bottle Recycling Update

Three schools participated in the Students for Recycling Plastic Bottle Recycling Program last year - Barrow, Chase and Oglethorpe.

Program results are as follows:

Barrow collected 481.25 pounds and will receive \$362 from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) for participating!

Chase collected 550 pounds and will receive \$414 from KACCB for participating!

Oglethorpe collected 2291 pounds and will receive \$1724 from KACCB for participating!

Great job! Recycling Coordinators please contact the ACC Recycling Division and let them know when you would like the check presented to the school. The national results have yet to be released. Stay tuned...

Register to become a 2007-08 ACC Green School

The registration forms for the 2007-08 school year can be found at www.accgreenschools.org (home page). Please complete them and e-mail or fax them to the ACC Recycling Division by Tuesday, September 25.

Stormwater Green School Activities

Back by popular demand, the ACC Stormwater Department is offering it's A Day at the Stream puppet show for grades

K-3 and the Stormwater Detective mystery activity for grades 4-6. (See their descriptions below.) For older children,

the department has purchased safe, nontoxic test kits that students can use to learn about the importance of water

quality. Your entire school is invited to participate in a contest to help us name our new stormwater mascot, a

loveable green turtle! Look for details about the contest in upcoming editions of the ACORN, and contact Natalie White if you are interested in any of these stormwater programs at (706) 613-3440 ext. 383 or nataliewhite@co.clarke.ga.us.

A Day at the Stream Puppet Show

This puppet show educates children about stormwater pollution and how their everyday activities can contribute to or reduce this environmental problem. This show involves music, sound effects and songs (as well as some very colorful characters!) and is best suited for grades K-3. ** This is a Green School Activity.

The Stormwater Detective Mystery Book

Have your students become STORMWATER DETECTIVES! Three mysterious cases of pollution are going on in Centerville, and YOU (the reader) have been called to help! This choose-your-own-adventure style storybook lets each student "investigate" sites in town to determine where the pollution is coming from, and what can be done to stop it. Students can work in small groups or individually. Designed for 4th through 6th grade students, this program lasts about an hour. ** This is a Green School Activity.

2007 Toast in the Garden

Sip, Nibble and Stroll at the Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful's Toast in the Garden on Thursday, September 27th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at The State Botanical Garden of Georgia Shade Garden. Proceeds will benefit Loop 10 ramp beautification efforts. For additional information or tickets, contact the Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful office at (706) 613-3501, extension 312 or e-mail staceefarrell@co.clarke.ga.us .

Free Stuff - Teacher Reuse Store Items

If you didn't make it to the Teacher Reuse Store we still have a few items left for the taking. We have binders and lots of shelving units (many metal with wheels- very nice). Please contact the ACC Recycling Division for information or to schedule a pick-up.

Radical Reuse Ideas for the Classroom

Plastic Bottle Trellis - http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/cr_garden_patio/article/0,2025,DIY_13757_5477970,00.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

2007 Outdoor Classroom Symposium

Tools of the Trade: The Nuts and Bolts of Outdoor Classroom - Friday, October 12, 2007
Fernbank Science Center. Visit www.eealliance.org for additonal symposium information and registration.

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CALENDAR

September

- 3 Labor Day - OFF
- 12 Recycling Coordinator Meeting
- 27 Toast in the Garden

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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.).

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OUT & ABOUT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

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

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REUSED NEWS

Items that need mentioned a second time.

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