

# THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators

Fall, 2014



## Project WILD

### A free environmental education workshop for Clark County educators

The Clark County Solid Waste District and the Clark County Parks District are sponsoring a free workshop to teach the Project WILD curriculum. The workshop, open to 25 Clark County teachers, will be on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Davidson Interpretive Center, 5638 Lower Valley Pike, next to George Rogers Clark Park.

A grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund will pay for substitutes' fees for teachers who participate. The workshop will offer six contact hours.

Donna Lewis, program coordinator for the Clark County Parks District and a Project WILD facilitator, will lead the workshop. Donna has over 15 years working in environmental education at the Brukner Nature Center and the Boonshoft Museum. She also is Region 4 director for the Environmental Education Council of Ohio, which has provided support for the workshop.

Project WILD is a wildlife-focused conservation education program for K-12 teachers. State wildlife, natural resources, and education agencies have developed the curriculum to foster responsible actions toward wildlife and natural resources. The Project WILD and Aquatic WILD books will be given to every attendee.

Workshop participants will be expected to

#### Workshop Info

- Thursday, Nov. 6, 8:30-3:30 in the Davidson Interpretive Center.
- Free to anyone who teaches in Clark County. Space limited to first 25 to register.
- Workshop will offer 6 contact hours.
- An Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant will pay substitute fees.
- Lunch will be provided at no charge.
- Activities presented will be keyed to the state content standards.
- One credit hour is available from Wittenberg for \$185, after doing an additional project.

share their learnings with their colleagues within one month and use at least one activity with their students within the school year.

A registration form for the workshop is available on Page 2 of this newsletter. For information, call Steve Schlather at 521-2022 or email [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

Wittenberg University will offer one hour of graduate credit for any workshop participant who completes an additional six hours of work and pays \$185.

The Clark County Solid Waste District is dedicated to providing learning opportunities and resources to promote waste reduction practices.

For more information, contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022, or 1602 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504 or e-mail at [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

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# Project WILD Workshop Registration

The Project WILD Teacher Workshop will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Davidson Interpretive Center, 5638 Lower Valley Pike, next to George Rogers Clark Park.

The workshop is open, free of charge, to any teacher in Clark County, but space is limited to 25. An Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant will pay for sub fees. Lunch will be provided to all participants.

**To register, fill out and return the form below.**

Mail to: Steve Schlather

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1602 W. Main St.

Springfield, OH 45504

Or fax to: (937) 327-6648

**Questions?** Call Steve at (937) 521-2022

Or email [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_:

Subject Taught/Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_:

Any Special Needs (such as dietary restrictions): \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: All attendees are expected to share their workshop learnings with teaching colleagues within one month and to use at least one activity with their students during this school year.

The workshop offers six contact hours. **Wittenberg University is offering one hour of graduate credit** for this workshop, together with other work. A teacher would have to complete six additional hours of work and pay \$185 to receive the credit hour. If you are interested, please contact Steve Schlather at the phone or email above.

**Space limited to first 25 to register. Please register no later than Oct. 31.**

# District offers programs for schools

Skits, presentations, tours can be used with differing age groups, settings

The Clark County Solid Waste District can provide a variety of educational presentations to fit many age levels and subjects.

Here are brief descriptions of the district's programs for schools:

1. "Keep Clark County Beautiful" is an interactive, humorous skit aimed at 2<sup>nd</sup>- and 3<sup>rd</sup>- graders. Local storyteller Lisa Holmes and Steve Schlather, the district's program coordinator, portray characters who show the good, the bad and the beautiful of putting waste in its proper place.

Since the skit debuted in May 2009, it has been seen by 7,500 children in every public school in Clark County and in a few non-school performances. Teachers have praised the skit as an entertaining and effective way to present solid waste issues to young people.

2. Steve Schlather does solo presentations, either in costume as the Wizard of Waste or in a more straightforward style (usually for older students). Presentations can be for any grade level and on a variety of topics: waste reduction, recycling, landfills, composting, and more.

3. Tours of the Clark County Recycling Center help to demonstrate facts and dispel myths about recycling. Tours usually are limited to groups of no more than 25. Tours can be offered during normal business hours or in the evenings.

4. The District can provide technical assistance for any school that wants to start or expand a recycling program. This can include consultations, help with an awareness program, help with a waste audit, and/or referrals to businesses that offer recycling services.



Lisa Holmes portrays Mother Earth and Steve Schlather is the Wizard of Waste in "Keep Clark County Beautiful." The humorous, interactive skit aims to teach second- and third-graders how to put waste in its proper place.

For more information about the district's programs, contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022 or [sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov).

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[www.Facebook.com/KeepClarkCountyBeautiful](http://www.Facebook.com/KeepClarkCountyBeautiful)

# Race for Recycling will benefit KCCB

Keep Clark County Beautiful will celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 15 with a 5K race and fun run/walk called the Race for Recycling. The registration fee is \$20, and all proceeds will benefit KCCB's community beautification and recycling projects in Clark County.

The race will take place in Snyder Park, beginning at the shelter house on the west end of the park (off West National Road). The event will be managed by Speedy Feet professional racing services and staffed by our dedicated volunteers and staff. Runners and walkers can register at the Speedy Feet web site, [www.speedy-feet.com](http://www.speedy-feet.com) or print out a registration form from our web site, [www.32trash.org](http://www.32trash.org).



Participants also are encouraged to bring a pair of gently used running shoes for recycling through Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. The first 100 people to drop off shoes will receive a discount card from Dunham's sporting goods store good for 10% off purchases throughout the year.

The race expenses are being underwritten by our sponsors: Assurant, Clark County Combined Health District, Code Blue, Holmes, MacRay, National Trail Parks and Recreation District, United Senior Services, and Wallace & Turner. We appreciate the support of sponsors and hope many people will join them in helping KCCB by turning out for the Race for Recycling.

## Schools can seek grants for recycling programs

The Clark County Solid Waste District provides Waste Reduction Mini Grants to schools to start or expand recycling programs or for educational projects related to solid waste issues.

Funds are limited, but all Clark County and Springfield teachers and schools are eligible to apply for these mini-grants.

Applications are available by calling 521-2022 or at the District's Web site, [www.32TRASH.org](http://www.32TRASH.org). Click on the "Schools" link in the menu on the top of the home page. Then click on the "Waste Reduction Grant" link.

## Ohio Chemistry Council sponsors conference

**What:** 22nd annual Teachers, Industry, Environment conference is a free professional development event that gives educators for grades 3-8 a first-hand experience of basic science principles.

**When:** Oct. 22-24

**Where:** Embassy Suites Columbus, 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr., Columbus, OH 43231.

**Credit:** Optional graduate credits are available from Ashland University.

**Information:** Visit [ohiochemistry.org](http://ohiochemistry.org).

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Or call 521-2022 for information about our programs and services.**

