

THE THREE R'S: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Resources for Educators



Fall, 2016

Healthy Water, Healthy People

A free environmental education workshop for Clark County educators

The Clark County Solid Waste District and the Clark County Park District are sponsoring a free workshop on teaching about water issues. The workshop, open to 25 Clark County teachers, will be on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 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 will introduce 25 teachers to the “Healthy Water Healthy People” and “WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands” curriculum and activity guides.

“Healthy Water Healthy People” was developed by Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). The guide focuses on water quality issues for grades 6 through 12, although most activities can be adapted for earlier ages.

“WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands” includes over 50 hands-on multidisciplinary activities in lesson plan format, extensive background information on wetlands, and other resources.

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

Donna Lewis, program coordinator for the Clark County Park District, will lead the workshop. Donna has over 15 years working in envi-

Workshop Info

- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 8:30-3:30 in the Davidson Interpretive Center.
- Free to anyone who teaches in Clark County. Space limited to first 25 to register.
- An Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant will pay substitute fees.
- Lunch will be provided at no charge.
- One credit hour is available from Wittenberg for \$185, after doing an additional project.

ronmental education and is Region 4 director for the Environmental Education Council of Ohio.

Workshop participants will be expected to 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.

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.

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Workshop Registration

The Healthy Waters Healthy People Teacher Workshop will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 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.

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 anyone completing the workshop and doing an additional project. 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 number or email above.

Space limited to first 25 to register. Please register no later than Oct. 19.

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 1st and 2nd grades. 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 over 10,000 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.

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 such topics as 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 are 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 con-

sultations, help with an awareness program, help with a waste audit, and/or referrals to businesses that offer recycling services.

5. Program Assistant Bonnie Martens can present on recycling, composting, and nature-related subjects. Bonnie is versed in the activities in the Project Learning Tree guide. Before coming to the District, Bonnie worked at the Glen Helen Nature Preserve and as a substitute teacher for Springfield City Schools.

For more information about the district's programs, contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022 or sschlather@clarkcountyohio.gov.



Bonnie Martens discusses recycling with students at South Vienna School during an Earth Day program this year.

Keep Clark County Beautiful works to enhance our community's environment. Check us out on Facebook.

Schools can compete in Recycle-Bowl

Keep America Beautiful puts on the Recycle-Bowl competition to galvanize recycling in elementary, middle and high schools across America.

Whether a school has an extensive recycling program or is just launching basic recycling collection, Recycle-Bowl is an excellent way for teachers, students, and facility managers to engage the school community in hands-on experiential education in a fun way.

The competition is open to all elementary, middle, and high schools, including public, private, and charter schools. Recycle-Bowl participants track and report how much material they collect during the four-week competition time



frame, Oct. 17-Nov. 15. Schools must register by Oct. 11.

One school in each state that collects the most recyclable material wins bragging rights. A national champion is chosen from the state winners. Schools that host a community recycling drop-

off or bring material from home compete in a separate category. Winners will be announced in early February. In 2015, Recycle-Bowl involved 1,266 schools with 700,000 students and teachers who recycled 4 million pounds of materials. The winning school received a recycled-content bench and \$1,000 worth of recycling bins.

Information, resources, and a registration page are available at www.recycle-bowl.org.

Schools can seek help for recycling

The Clark County Solid Waste District can provide support of up to \$500 for waste reduction programs in schools.

Waste reduction programs can include starting a recycling program, enhancing a current recycling program, or a field trip or other educational program that deals with solid waste issues.

A school can apply for assistance by downloading an application form from the District's web site, www.32trash.org. Go to the "Schools" page and click on the link for the application form.

Anyone interested should contact Steve Schlather at 521-2022 to discuss their proposal before applying.

41st annual conference offers outdoor education

The Environmental Education Council of Ohio will offer its 41st annual educators conference, 101 Alternatives to the Chalkboard, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at YMCA Camp Kern.

The \$30 cost includes meals. Attendees have the option of staying overnight Friday and Saturday for no added cost.

Presenters and small group leaders are being sought. Anyone wanting to present or needing information on the conference should contact Dave Moran, dmoran@daytonymca.org or (513) 932-3756, ext.1527. Information is also available on the EECO web site.

YMCA Camp Kern is 32 miles northeast of Cincinnati at 5291 State Route 350, Oregonia, Ohio 45054.

**Visit the Clark County Solid Waste District on the Web at www.32TRASH.org.
Or call 521-2022 for information about our programs and services.**