

**Compost Kids**  
*Fact Sheet*

**What:** FREE "Compost Kids" Field Trip  
Cost of transportation (up to \$255 per bus) subsidized by Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District.

**Where:** Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati  
2715 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45206

**When:** Fall 2009

**Who:** Grades 2-6, Maximum of 30 students per trip, 1 chaperone per 10 students.

**Why:** Students will learn about composting, soils, and gardening while participating in hands-on activities.

The trip will take about 3 ½ hours, not including transportation time, and will follow this general schedule:

30 min	Arrival and introduction
25 min	Hands-on activity - work with compost
25 min	Hands-on activities - examine compost under magnifying glass, search for and identify bugs
10 min	Explain recycling, wash hands
30 min	Lunch, bathroom, clean-up
30 min	Make paper pots
30 min	Decomposition Scavenger Hunt
30 min	Soil squeeze (looking at different soils)

**How:** Agree to distribute and discuss the Solid Waste Management District's "Get-a-Bin" brochure, administer pre- and post-compost surveys, and complete 3 hours of composting and solid waste instruction with your students. To apply for the trip, complete and return the attached application. Attach a copy of your lesson plans focusing on 3 hours of composting and solid waste education. (Lesson plans provided on request.). Schools must be registered with the District's Gold Level Recycling Assistance Program (RAP) or Composting Assistance Program (CAP) to qualify. Field trips are limited to not more than two trips per school per year. Please retain a copy of the fact sheet and application for your records. **Application due by Wednesday, September 16, 2009.**

**Questions:** If you need lessons plans, or you have questions about this program, please contact [Cher Mohring](#) at 946-7737. If you are interested in registering with the RAP or CAP please contact [Keebler Holley](#) at 946-7736.

## Compost Kids FREE Field Trip Application Form

Fall 2009

Please complete the following application and return to the address below by **Wednesday, September 16, 2009**.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Address (include zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Travel Time from School to Civic Garden Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Earliest Pick-up time at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Latest Drop-off time at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Reimbursement Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(The District will reimburse up to \$255 per bus. Contact your transportation manager or provider for a quote.)

Does your school have a coordinated, school-wide recycling program? Yes No

If yes, who is the recycling coordinator?

Name and Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you or someone at your school consider becoming the recycling coordinator?

Name and Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to teach my students a 3-hour unit on composting and solid waste issues, discuss and distribute the District's "Get-a-Bin" brochure, and administer a brief pre- and post-compost survey to my students. I understand I must schedule my bus. If the trip is cancelled for any reason, I must notify the transportation provider at least two hours prior to the school pick-up time or I will be responsible for late cancellation expenses.

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your top three choices of dates from the list below:

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ September 21, 22, 29, 30, October 2, 7, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21

2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any of these dates that you cannot attend? Please list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application, including signatures, and lesson plans to: Cher Mohring, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219, or fax to 513-946-7779.

Qualified applicants will receive a confirmation letter in the mail, which will contain detailed instructions on how to receive your bus reimbursement. Schools must be registered at with the District's Gold Level Recycling Assistance Program (RAP), or Composting Assistance Program (CAP), to qualify. To register with the RAP or CAP, please contact [Keebler Holley](#) at 946-7736 or. Field trips are limited to not more than two per year per school.