

Field Trip to Rumpke Landfill and a Cincinnati Parks Nature Center

This field trip is valued at \$480.

Find out how it can be yours for **FREE!**

"Where Does All the Garbage Go?" Field Trip Description

- Part 1: The 45-minute **Tour at Rumpke Landfill** is entirely on the bus. You will witness some great, up-close views of a working landfill in action. A Rumpke representative will be your guide to various sites of operations, such as the working face, the methane gas recovery system, the truck wash, and parts of the mining operation. Students will learn about Rumpke's history, the different vehicles used, and the many ways our environment is protected from this mountain of garbage.
- Part 2: At **Cincinnati Parks' LaBoiteaux Woods, Caldwell Nature Center, or Avon Woods**, students will have an interactive program that includes a hike to observe decomposition and natural cycles, followed by games and activities about recycling, composting and cycles. Students will make comparisons of the many ways both ecosystems and humans recycle. *The lunch break will be included in the three hours at the Nature Center. Bring packed lunches.*

Purpose

For students: To heighten awareness of the need to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

For teachers: To provide real-world lessons designed to focus on Ohio Academic Content Standards related to renewable and non-renewable resources, and reducing and recycling solid waste.

Who Can Apply for the Field Trip Program Award?

Any school (Grades 1-8) in Hamilton County that recycles.

Prerequisite: applicants must have an actively managed, school-wide recycling program and be registered with Hamilton County's Recycling Assistance Program (RAP).

How Do I Apply?

1. Read and fill out the attached application form completely.
2. Sign the agreement and get your principal to sign it.
3. Attach lesson plans to fulfill the following requirement:
Applicants are required to present a minimum of three additional hours of classroom instruction about recycling. The lesson plans should present information on the problems of solid waste disposal and the importance/benefits of recycling. Students should learn the how and why of recycling at home and school so they can make informed decisions about participation. Grade appropriate lesson plans correlated with Ohio Academic Content Standards can be provided on request.
4. Attach activity description to fulfill the following requirement:
Applicants are required to coordinate one service learning activity for your class to promote the school recycling program on your campus. Examples of this activity are as follows: produce student public service announcements, create posters and hang them up around school, create a flyer to inform parents/campus visitors about the program. Litter prevention and other environmental issues do not qualify for this program.
5. Make a copy of the entire application package for your records.
6. Mail the Field Trip Application by October 15, 2007. (See the application form for mailing instructions.)

If you are awarded a trip you must schedule your own transportation. You will be reimbursed up to \$255 per bus (maximum of 45 people per bus).

Application for "Where Does All the Garbage Go?"
FREE Field Trip to Rumpke Landfill & Cincinnati Parks Nature Center
2007-2008 School Year

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Best way to contact you? _____

1) Number of Students (need exact number): _____

2) Number of chaperones and teachers: _____

Allow 4 ¼ hours from your arrival at Rumpke until your departure from the Nature Center. Add transportation time to and from your school. The total time of the field trip will be about 5 or 5 ½ hours, depending on school location.

3) What is the earliest time a bus can depart from your school? _____

4) What is the latest time a bus can return you to your school? _____

5) What will be the cost of the bus (exact reimbursement request)? _____

(Contact you transportation manager, or Bus Company for a quote)

Agreement

I agree to teach my students a unit (3-hour minimum) about solid waste issues and local recycling opportunities.

I agree to work with my school's recycling coordinator to select an appropriate promotional activity. I agree to administer a brief pre- and post-trip survey and distribute the county's "Get a Bin" brochure. I understand I must coordinate the transportation and will be reimbursed up to maximum of \$255 for the cost of the bus. I understand Rumpke Landfill is a business, and I will not be late for my scheduled tour.

Teacher Applicant Signature

Date

Principal Signature

Date

**Mail complete packet (registration form, lesson plans, and activity description) by
October 15, 2007 to:**

Sue Magness, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District
250 William Howard Taft Road
Cincinnati, OH 45219.

For questions related to the lesson plans/ service learning project qualification, or reimbursement issues contact Sue Magness at Sue.Magness@hamilton-co.org or call (513)946-7736.

For questions related to the schedule contact Pat Agnew at Pat.Agnew@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Qualified applicants will receive confirmation by mail.