

Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District presents:

FREE 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: At a Cincinnati Parks' Nature Center students will have an interactive program that includes a hike to observe decomposition and natural cycles, followed by games and activities about natural resources, recycling, composting and cycles. Students will make comparisons of the many ways both ecosystems and humans recycle. *A lunch break is included in the three hours at the Nature Center. Bring packed lunches.*

Part 2: 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. Occasionally Rumpke Landfill must cancel this part of the field trip if weather conditions prevent a safe tour. If Rumpke cancels, the nature center will provide an extended, 4 hour, program.

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?

Any school (Grades 1 thru 8) in Hamilton County that has an actively managed, school-wide recycling program that is registered with Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District's Recycling Assistance Program (RAP) at the "Gold" level. To register with the RAP contact Keebler Holley at (513) 946-7736 or keebler.holley@hamilton-co.org.

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. (See the application form for mailing instructions.)

Field trips are held on Wednesdays during the months of January, February and March. Early applications will receive first choice in dates. If you are awarded a trip you must schedule your own transportation. **You will be reimbursed up to \$255 per bus. Field trips are limited to no more than two per school per year.**

Application for "Where Does All the Garbage Go?"

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Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Address: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Best way to contact you: _____

Number of Students (exact number): _____ Number of Adults: _____

Allow 4 ¼ hours from your arrival at the Nature Center until your departure from Rumpke. 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.

What is the earliest time a bus can depart from your school: _____

What is the latest time a bus can return you to your school: _____

What will be the cost of the bus (exact reimbursement request): _____
(Contact your 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 a maximum of \$255 for the cost of the bus.**

Teacher Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Mail complete packet (registration form, lesson plans, and activity description):

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

For questions related to the lesson plans and service learning project qualification, or reimbursement issues contact Cher Mohring at (513) 946-7737 or cher.mohring@hamilton-co.org.

For questions related to the schedule contact Pat Agnew at (513) 542-2909 or pat.agnew@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Qualified applicants will receive confirmation by mail.