

SELECTED PROGRAMS

Please note: The travel reimbursement program does not cover student fees. For more information, visit our website at www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.

Choose from these exciting selections.

IMAGO Earth Center, Price Hill, Ohio, www.imagoearth.org

Chris Clements, 513-921-8455

Grades: 3 - 6

Cost: \$3.00/student/half day; \$5.50/student/full day

- “The Caretakers” explores many simple things people can do to improve the environment by playing, hiking and exploring.
- See the effects of littering, pollution, over-consumption, natural resource depletion, and solid waste on the environment.
- Learn about environmentally conscious consumer choices, recycling, composting, picking up litter and preventing pollution.

Rowe Woods, Cincinnati Nature Center, Milford, Ohio, www.cincynature.org

Registrar, 513-831-1711

Grades: 4 – 6

Cost: \$4.00/student

- “Traces of Trash”, students examine objects buried up to 9 years ago for decomposition in a mini-landfill. Examine and discuss each item to learn what natural renewable or non-renewable resources were used, and about possibilities for reuse or recycling.
- Visit a compost pile, identify factors that affect decomposition, compare and contrast the new and old material in the compost pile, and discuss how finished compost is used.

Hummel Heritage Farm, Sparta, IN (near Lawrenceburg), www.papawfarm.homestead.com

Chris Ferguson, 513-821-2011

Grades: Pre-school – 8

Cost: \$7.00/student (\$140.00 minimum)

- Recycled farm treasure hunt on a real working farm with buildings, tools, and benches made from discarded items.
- Learn about the Carbon Cycle at the organic garden with a chance to fork-over decomposing materials.
- Woodland-Wetland Scavenger Hunt shows how the natural world decomposes by examining fallen logs, snags, and fungi.
- Other activities available include: Water Cycle, Habitats, feed the mammals, or Native American Culture.

Greenacres, Indian Hill, Ohio, www.green-acres.org

Andy DeLay, 513-891-4227 X226

Grades: K – 12

Cost: No student fees

- Program examples: “The Nature of Solid Waste” and “Solid Waste Impacts on Water Quality”.
- Programs are tailored to meet grade level and individual group learning objectives.

- Options include: hiking in small groups discovering rotting logs, participating in recycling games, learning about composting, and organic gardening, seeing animal demonstrations, observing leaching and run off, and/or learning how nature recycles.

California Woods Nature Preserve, California, Ohio, www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Bettman Natural Resources Center, Megan Murphy, 513-321-6070

Grades: 4 – 8

Cost: \$3/student (in Cincinnati), \$5/student (outside city limits)

- Log study, nature’s recyclers/decomposers, recycling.

Avon Woods Nature Center, Paddock Hills, Ohio, www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Bettman Natural Resources Center, Michael George, 513-321-6070

Grades: K – 2

Cost: \$3/student (in Cincinnati), \$5/student (outside city limits)

- Compare and contrast natural and human recycling by participating in games, a compost play, and a scavenger hunt.
- “Earth Savers” program also features an interesting presentation by a “special guest”.

Caldwell Nature Center, Hartwell, Ohio, www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Bettman Natural Resources Center, Olivia Canada, 513-321-6070

Grades: 4 – 8

Cost: \$3/student (in Cincinnati), \$5/student (outside city limits)

- “Cycles and Recycles” study the many ways both people and nature recycle, clear-up confusion over the three R’s, and learn about recycling and composting
- Students will join in on a hike that focuses on natural cycles and decomposition

SELECTED TOURS

Rumpke Landfill Tour, Colerain Township, www.rumpke.com

Jonathan Kissell, 513-851-0122 X6062

Grades: 1 – 12

Cost: No student fees

- A Rumpke representative serves as your tour guide directing your bus around the landfill on a 45-minute tour, learning about Rumpke’s surprising history as a family owned company, the scale house, and the different types of trucks used.
- Students view sediment basins, the working face of the landfill, the wastewater collection systems, the heavy equipment yard, the methane gas recovery system and the landfill liner system, which is vital to landfill construction.

Rumpke’s NPK Compost Farm, Colerain Township

Mary Mulford, 513-353-1506

Grades: 1 – 3

Cost: No student fees

- This N-P-K (nitrogen-potassium-phosphorus) Compost Farm turns 40,000 cubic yards of yard debris into compost annually. The original volume of material is reduced by over 1/3 with this process and is then screened, analyzed and sold.

- Debris is ground and stored in windrows up to 10 feet high and 150 feet long for decomposition. Huge loaders turn the material at specific temperatures and stages of decomposition to add oxygen.

Cincinnati Paperboard. Fairfax, Ohio, www.caraustar.com

John Hazard, 513-871-7112 X3013

Grades: 9 – 12

Cost: No student fees

- Tour a papermill that manufactures 100% recycled-content paper.
- Watch old paper transform into a watery-pulp, screened to remove impurities, pressed, dried, and rolled into new paper.

Rumpke's Material Recovery Facility (MRF), St. Bernard, Ohio, www.rumpke.com

Jonathan Kissell, 513-851-0122 X6062, jonathan.kissell@rumpke.com

Grades: 9 – 12

Cost: No student fees

- Tour the facility and see what happens to the recyclables after they are picked up at the curb.
- Students must wear closed toe shoes. Hardhats and safety glasses will be provided by Rumpke.

Anchor Glass Company, Lawrenceburg, IN

Mike Whiting, 812-537-1655 X304

Grades: 3 – 12

Cost: No student fees

- Tour a glass manufacturing facility that uses recycled-content and learn about the value and benefits of recycling glass.
- Factors of production and career opportunities are discussed and observed while incorporating mater, social studies, science, and reading.