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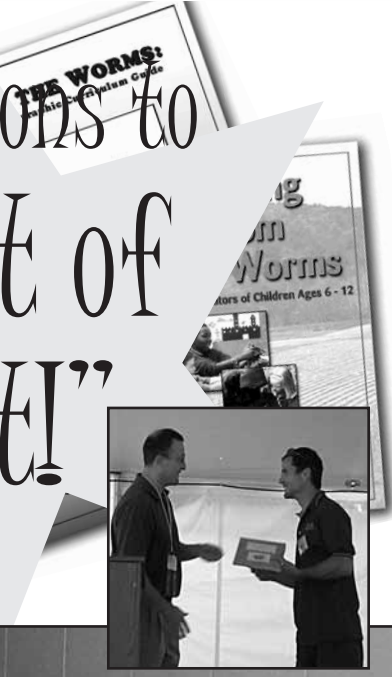
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Back To School SPECIALS!!

Feed it to the Worms Video & Workbook

This is an exciting new core curriculum for grades 1 – 6. By maintaining a worm composting bin in the classroom, teachers can help students learn more about their environment, **while meeting national curriculum standards and the NH and VT curriculum frameworks in geography, math, language arts and science!** Using fun hands-on activities, students learn about the vital importance of practicing stewardship of our natural resources.

This complete curriculum is in two grade sets: 1-3 and 4-6. A 20 minute video, "Learning From Worms", is included with the curriculum, and provides examples of working with the curriculum in the classroom. It shows how simple the program is, as well.

Themes in the lessons include: Ecosystems, soils, conservation, climate, mapping, population growth, and life cycles. Supplementary material is also included: National Geography Standard (272 pg. book for teachers) and Compost: Growing Gardens from Your Garbage by Linda Glaser (32 pg. child's book).

Although this package has a non-profit cost of \$50, NHGA is graciously offering the set to all CLUB members for only \$10, the cost of shipping and handling.



If you are interested in taking part in this back to school special, please contact Cindy Sterling at nrratheclub@tds.net. Requests received before Oct. 15, 2004 will also get a scale to weigh the worms (worms and bins not included, but Cindy can help you order them). First come, first serve!

Created by the New Hampshire Geographic Alliance (NHGA) and Impact Earth in partnership with the EPA and National Geographic Society. This curriculum has been teacher-tested in a range of grades.

FREE Curriculum for New CLUB Members

Join THE CLUB today and receive a solid waste management curriculum produced by the Chewonki Foundation, a nonprofit educational institution in Wiscasset, Maine. The solid waste curriculum adheres to their mission by providing lesson plans that explore the interrelationships that exist between people and their world. Contact Cindy, nrratheclub@tds.net, or call 603-798-5777.

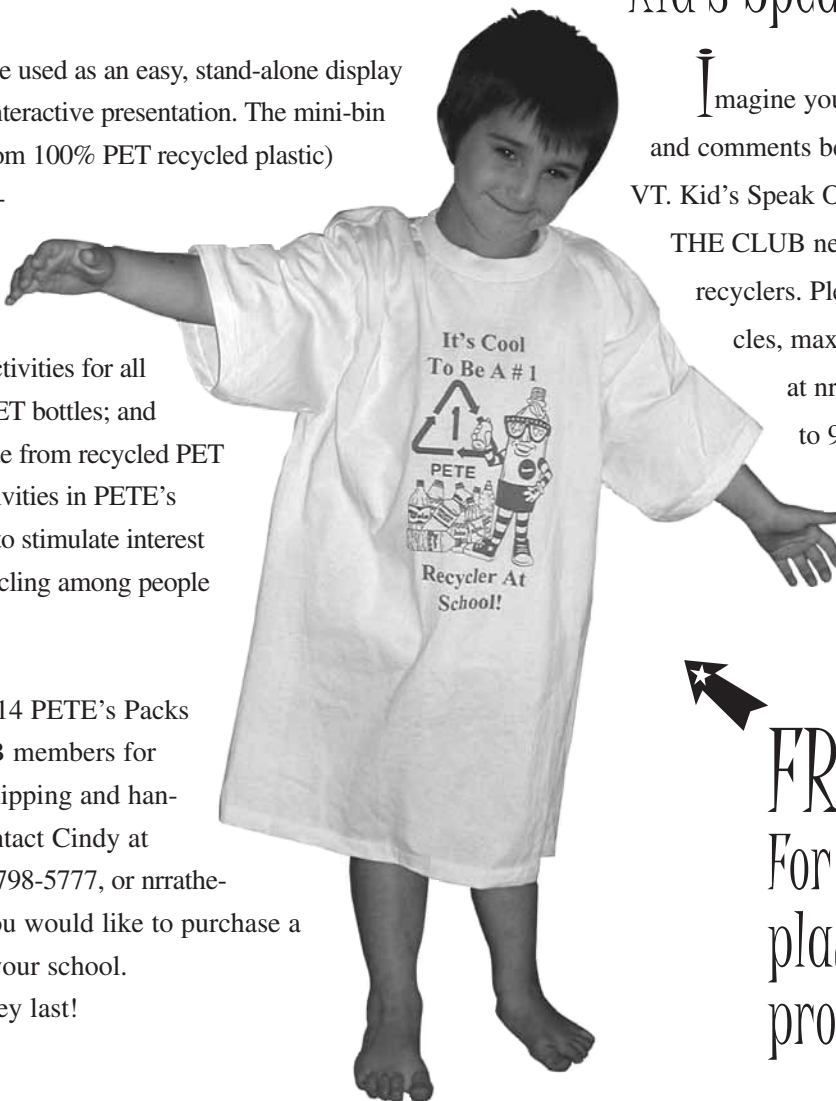
PETE's Pack: An Educational Kit About PET Plastic



What's a PETE's Pack? A plastic recycling school education program offered by the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR). With so many new PET plastic containers (soda bottles, etc) on the market every year, NAPCOR promotes the recycling of these plastic containers through public relations programs.

PETE's Pack can be used as an easy, stand-alone display or as a hands-on, interactive presentation. The mini-bin container (made from 100% PET recycled plastic) includes: an educational notebook with handouts, helpful information, and various activities for all ages; samples of PET bottles; and other products made from recycled PET fiber. All of the activities in PETE's Pack are designed to stimulate interest in PET plastic recycling among people of all ages.

THE CLUB has 114 PETE's Packs available to CLUB members for only the cost of shipping and handling - \$8.00. Contact Cindy at THE CLUB, 603-798-5777, or nrratheclub@tds.net, if you would like to purchase a PETE's Pack for your school. Get them while they last!



New CLUB Programs

THE CLUB's Student Recycler Peer Matching Program is in full swing with two new programs.

Student List Serve



A school recycling listserv will provide school recyclers with a central place to electronically post questions, comments and ideas regarding recycling/waste reduction programs. Now students throughout VT and NH can talk to each other about their efforts to do more with less. This listserv will allow them to share their work far beyond their school doors by interacting with others who share common goals for conservation and education.

Kid's Speak Out



Imagine your students' opinions, stories and comments being read throughout NH and VT. Kid's Speak Out is an additional column in THE CLUB newsletter written by student recyclers. Please submit your students' articles, maximum of 100 words, to Cindy at nrratheclub@tds.net or mail them to 9 Bailey Rd, Chichester, NH 03258, by November 22, 2004 to be printed in the winter issue of School Recycling Club NEWS.



FREE T-Shirt
For starting a new
plastic recycling
program in your school.

What a fantastic year it has been in the “World of School Recycling”!
During the 2003/2004 school year, 19 schools have joined THE CLUB, and over 888 recycling bins have been sold to 20 schools with recycling programs.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who are contributing to making a difference at their school by *Thinking Globally and Recycling Locally!* Be inspired. Begin now to position your CLUB to be one of the winners in 2005. Applications due in April 2005.

Winners of the 2003/2004 “Best of the Best” School Recycling Awards!

P ENDORANCE AWARD
resented to the school that has demonstrated the ability to not only implement a successful school recycling program but to also sustain the program over time.

Plymouth Elementary School, Student Council, Plymouth, NH



Plymouth Elementary School has a long standing recycling program that has continued to exceed in community relationships, educational programs and events, as well as, school recycling, including:

- Receiving a school recycling trailer grant that required the support of the Town officials;
- Receiving a grant for bird food for their “Recycler’s Bird Sanctuary”;
- Helping with Plymouth’s Household Hazardous Waste Collections;
- Receiving the “Thumbs Up” Award from the Plymouth Board of Selectmen for their recycling efforts. They even received the Town Recycling Award; and,
- Earning the “STARS !!!” award two years and the “Best of the Best” CLUB award.

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RECYCLER OF THE YEAR

demonstrating the most enthusiastic commitment and leadership in promoting school recycling.

Nelson Lebo, Coordinator of the Environmental Program, Proctor Academy, Andover, NH



Proctor's student-run recycling program started in 1988. They currently recycle mixed office paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, #5 plastic containers, and ink cartridges. Food waste from the kitchen is composted and used on the school gardens. Styrofoam peanuts are collected and reused. During the

school's last construction project, no dumpster was rented. All construction debris was sorted by type and recycled.

Thousands of pounds of materials have been diverted from the waste stream and put to proper reuse via Proctor's recycling program. And the person behind the program is Nelson Lebo. Although the program is student-run, we all know that if there was not an adult providing guidance and inspiration for the student's, the program would not have endured and thrived for as long as it has. Thank You Nelson!



P MOST CREATIVE RECYCLER AWARD



Presented to the school or student that has shown the most creativity in their recycling program.

Jared Berns, Crotched Mountain School, Greenfield, NH

Jared is a hands-on recycling worker and a vocal ambassador for the practice of recycling. No student at the Crotched Mountain School has ever done so much to promote recycling. His initiative is boundless. He dismantles furniture to recover metal parts, climbs into the dumpster to rescue misplaced recyclables and goes room to room searching out recyclables to bring along when he comes to work. He is constantly reminding students and staff of the importance of recycling everything possible. At his own initiative, Jared has a regular recycling collection route at the resident student's group homes. He is on call for when anyone has something that needs to be picked up for recycling. His enthusiasm for recycling is contagious and his perseverance and creativity increased the amount of recyclables collected at Crotched Mountain. Go, Jared, Go!

STARS!!! AWARD

Received the MOST STARS!!! Achievement Stickers during the School year.



Samuel Morey Elementary School, Ms. McGowan's Fourth Graders, Fairlee, VT

Having just embarked on school recycling, the fourth graders made great use of THE CLUB's Loaning Library. Following their research, they designed a recycling program for their school and then began their marketing campaign. They created posters and even produced a play highlighting the how-to's of their recycling program which they then presented at a school assembly. They documented all of these tasks, and sent photos and reports to the THE CLUB. Their hard work helped their school to earn the most STARS!!!



School Profile

Stratham Memorial School

Grades, Preschool – 5

Population, 631

Recycles, mixed office paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans.

Operated by, Student Council

Stratham Memorial School started their recycling program in 2000. At that time, they recycled approximately 300 pounds per week. Today, they are recycling an average of 1000 pounds per week! The incentive for the program began with a request and offer from John Wood, a parent who happens to work at Recycle America. Mr. Wood offered to pay the school for their paper waste, as well as, provide free curbside collection services if Stratham Memorial committed to recycling by organizing a recycling club. Thus, Stratham's school recycling program ended up under the guidance of Judy Eitler, guidance counselor and student council leader.



Mrs. Eitler has 20 student council representatives organize weekly pick up of recyclables from the classrooms, offices, copy room, library, and art room. At the beginning of the weekly student council meetings, the first agenda item is choosing 10 volunteers for the recycling crew. These volunteers forfeit their recess on Wednesdays to provide this service for their school.

In teams of three, the kids, push around huge collection containers to their assigned areas. As the students pick up the recyclables, they sort through and prepare them for market. As with anyone who works in the solid waste industry, treasures are salvaged. One student diverted a penguin poster and delivered it to the kindergarten classroom whose mascot is a penguin.

The student council representatives are proud to be in charge of the recycling program because it gives them a chance to contribute to school operations. They enjoy the benefits of going places no other student can go, for instance the food service manager's office behind the cafeteria counter, and instructing the adults about recycling.



News Flashes

The Clear Stream Recycling Bins

This is the perfect bin for collecting bottles and cans in your school. The bins are only \$11.00 each!! Its strong wire frame, see-through bag (providing content visibility), bold graphics, and raised 4-hole lid dramatically increase recycling participation and reduce the chance of contamination. Remember, you win STARS!!! when you order a bin.



New members

WELCOME, New CLUB Members!
Chichester Central School (Chichester)
Exeter Region Cooperative School District (Exeter)
Stevens High School (Claremont)



Number of Bin Grants:

Classroom Bins: 853

HexCycle Bins: 35

Good Job Everybody!



Send Us Your Email Address

so we can keep you informed of events and opportunities offered by THE CLUB.

Your email address will NOT be shared with others.

nrratheclub@tds.net



Classroom Recycling Bins Available at Half-Price!

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. is offering members of THE CLUB classroom bins at HALF-PRICE for use in their school's recycling program! The 14 gallon plastic bins are green, approximately 16" x 22" x 13", and are printed with the NH the Beautiful, Inc. logo and the phrase "Our School Recycles". The bins are only \$2.75 each!! Follow these three simple steps to get your classroom recycling bins:

1. Be a member of THE CLUB;
2. Contact NRRRA (603-798-5777 or nrratheclub@tds.net) for an application;
3. Make arrangements to pick up your bin in Chichester, New Hampshire!

This is a great opportunity to outfit your school with neat and tidy collection bins.

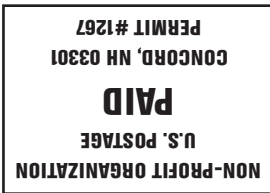
Check out this stack of bins, for only \$2.75 per bin!



c/o NRRA
9 Bailey Road
Chichester, NH 03258
603-798-5777
nrtaclub@tds.net



School Recycling Club



Join THE CLUB!

If you are group with written permission from the principal, and are currently recycling, or agree to recycle at least one type of item for one year, you can be part of THE CLUB! It's Simple and Easy!

THE CLUB is designed to be a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction, and networking possibilities for school recycling programs. Benefits to joining THE CLUB include:

- Hear the latest news in the school recycling community.
- Gain statewide recognition for your school's recycling efforts.
- Increase partnerships between your community and your school.
- Receive technical assistance for your school.
- Learn of FREE recycling educational resources.

THE CLUB is a project of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), a proactive non-profit working to make recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful.

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