

So What's an Eco Carnival?



Be sure to read this information even if you do not plan to have a carnival. It's chock full of creative Earth ideas for other occasions.

Learn and Laugh While You Turn Trash Into Cash!

It's Games, Fun, Fund-Raising and Earth Education All In One.

You can have an Eco Carnival in just one classroom for fun education, you can join in with your annual school carnival to introduce Earth info to your friends and families or you can create an entire carnival with an Earth-Saving theme.

Committees

Each classroom should choose an environmental topic and create games relating to the topic. The classrooms should then be divided into committees and assigned carnival responsibilities such as volunteers, advertising, prizes, tickets, equipment collection, set-up and clean-up.

Eco-games and Activities:

Encourage Creative Thinking

The following are some KSE ideas to get you started. Read them to your students to stimulate creative thinking for additional games and activities. Have the students write essays or create a science project on the environmental topic you are covering with your game. Get creative and come up with more ideas about how you can use trash or environmental issues for

a fun game. Let KSE know about the new games you have created.

Advertising:

Your kids can have a lesson in advertising and public relations by learning how to spread the healthy Earth message for this event. They can write and record an ad to use on your school P.A. system or they can send it to your local radio station and ask

them to play it. Assign your students to write an article for your local newspaper. Be sure to invite reporters from all media to attend your event.

Prizes:

Start collecting small prizes by asking for donations from grocery stores. Samples of environmentally conscious products would be great. Ask students to donate their small used toys and Kids Meal prizes. Be sure they are in good shape. Used books are also good prizes.

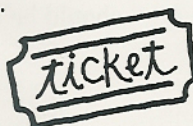


Prize Collection Bags:

At each game site sell used plastic shopping bags for a minimum price, like 25 cents. Parents always end up having to carry all the prizes and would love to have a bag for the collection of goodies.

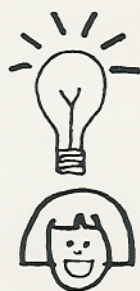
Tickets:

Why not make your own tickets out of paper that you would normally throw away or recycle? After using the tickets be sure to recycle them. Each classroom can commit to a chosen number of tickets. Mark each ticket with a symbol of the Earth.



Set-Up:

Weeks before your event make a list of all the trash and other supplies that you'll need. Find a spot in the school to start collecting these materials. Design a map showing how the activities will be set up in your school or classroom. Later, duplicate this map for attendees at the carnival. The day or evening before the event gather your committee members together for the set-up.





So What Is Hazardous Waste?????

It's garbage that can make the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land unsafe. We don't know everything about how dangerous certain garbage may be, but we know a lot, and we're learning more every day. When you take your Earth Inspector Tour, look for warning words on containers like **warning, poison, caustic, corrosive, danger** or **flammable**. These products **may** contain hazardous substances or chemicals that aren't good for you or the Earth. Call your City Hall to ask them where you can get rid of this kind of waste. Try not to buy any more. When you must use them, use them up or dispose of them and their containers properly.



Some Common Hazardous Substances

Bleach, caustic drain cleaners, glass cleaners, household ammonia, oven cleaners, batteries, oil filters, motor oil, oil based paints, turpentine, gasoline, epoxy glues, fluorescent lights, bug killers.



Don't Put This
Yucky Stuff In The Trash

Look for Good Earth Words and Signs!

There are probably lots of products in your home that are not so bad for the Earth. Look for words like **biodegradable, does not contain phosphates, does not contain nitrates, made from recycled materials, post-consumer, recycled materials, concentrated, or the recyclable sign.**



Stuff You Can Recycle

You can easily recycle newspapers, glass, aluminum and tin cans, and other metal as long as it is separated—for example, copper and steel. Most communities also recycle plastics, junk mail, office and school paper. Some even recycle juice boxes. Many grocery stores have a collection bin for plastic bags and styrofoam. If your grocery store doesn't do this, write letters to the manager and ask why not. Call City Hall to find out more about recycling in your area.



Consider Composting

Organic garbage is garbage from plant materials like leaves, grass, plants or even leftovers from the kitchen, such as apple cores or potato peels. It is **NOT** animal or milk products. Investigate the best ways to collect this organic garbage for composting. Once you have a compost pile started, add a little water every few weeks and mix it all up. You'll soon have a mound of rich soil you can use to help plants grow.



Inspecting #30 Pollution Place

Before you and an adult inspect your own home, check out #30 Pollution Place on the next page. Locate and circle all the items that may create problems for the Earth. Try to circle all 30 problems.

Earn a "Defender of the Planet" Award for Becoming an Earth Inspector (You can give one to your parent too!)

You will receive a "Defender of the Planet" Award for taking an Earth Inspection Tour. You have to take an adult though, because you need to teach them all you have learned. You must have the adult sign your Earth Inspector's Check List.

