

Environmental Adventure

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Type of program: Other: 4-hour event

Audience: Easily adaptable to all grade levels and to most adult groups

Topic:

Composting/gardening
Landfills/waste disposal
Recycling/reuse
Reduction

Applicable subject areas: Family and Consumer Sciences, Math, Science

How I have used this and what worked for me:

We offered this program for three years on free fishing weekend, at the landfill. It was on free fishing weekend, because there is a beautiful pond at the Marshall County Landfill. This was a great family opportunity, as well as a Big Brother/Big Sister project. We also had a senior citizen group attend one year. We tried to offer a variety of things so it would be an event for all ages. There were landfill tours, recycling display and handouts, special arts and crafts, demonstrations (Enviro-scape), and a picnic lunch. We tried to promote reusable picnic tableware. The Beef Producers or Pork Association grilled for us and we provided the beverage and a fun dessert (ex. dirt cake). After the meal, we had three places to discard items--recyclables, compost items, and solid waste.

Materials needed:

Fishing poles, some bait, art/craft supplies, van to take tours in, picnic plans (someone to grill and others to serve beverages and desserts), display materials, tubs for clean up, a water station for washing up.

Describe the program:

A day of fun for the whole family. Free tours of the landfill, demonstrations about our environment, materials and displays to share recycling information. This is free fishing weekend, so bring your fishing pole if you have one to enjoy free fishing. There will be a few fishing poles available for check-out. Everyone needs to bring their own picnic basket/box, lawn chairs/blanket, and a side dish (if you want) for your own family. Grilled burgers, beverage, and a dirt dessert will be provided for a fee of \$1.50 per person.

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