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Monthly Topic: Ecotourism and Summer Vacations



This summer you can vacation with a twist – have fun and relax while preserving and protecting the planet! This new trend is called Ecotourism, Ecotravel or Green Travel. According to The International Ecotourism Society it happens when we look at travel alternatives, make informed choices thereby minimizing our impact and positively contributing to the conservation of natural environments, local economies and cultures.

Here are some suggestions for Ecotravel options over the summer:

- ★ Bull River Cruises exploring Savannah Georgia's natural beauty and coastal history from the Barrier Islands and the black water inland rivers.
- ★ Naturalists guided excursions of Belize
- ★ Mountain trekking and wilderness experience with Mountain Travel Sobek in Nepal
- ★ Concordia's Eco-Tents Resort in the Virgin Islands featuring solar-powered amenities made of recycled materials.
- ★ Safari-style tours of the Grand Teton National Park in the US Rocky Mountains.

For more details on Ecotourism suggestions go to these websites:

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1594/is_1_12/ai_68951944

<http://www.bullriver.com/>

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National Recycling Coalition Offers Student Scholarships

The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) is offering scholarships for students to attend its 26th Annual Congress & Expo in Denver, Colorado from September 16 – 19, 2007. Scholarship funds are provided through a partnership with Coca Cola in conjunction with NRC's College and University Recycling Council (CURC).

The scholarship will cover transportation, lodging, conference registration, tickets to event receptions, meal stipend and membership to the National Recycling Coalition.

For more details on the conference, visit <http://www.recyclingconference.org> and for a scholarship application, visit <http://nrc-recycle.org/curc.aspx>.



Recycling Department Shines at Facilities Summer Carnival



Pictured above is GA Tech's Recycling Team (left to right): Khristoper Johnson, UW I; Cindy Jackson, Manager; Shun Howard, UW II; Justin Hartmann, Student Assistant; Michelle Burger, Administrative Assistant; and Chris Johnson, Foreman (kneeling).

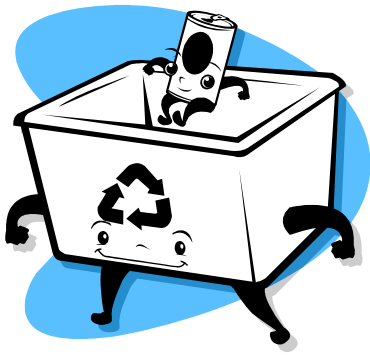
The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling came away with two trophies from this year's Facilities Summer Carnival. Khristoper Johnson "Bud" won the Talent Contest, and Shun Howard won the Basketball Competition.

Recycling's booth at the event was called Recycle Tac Toe and it was a hit with event attendees. Other booths at the carnival included: Football Toss by Utilities & Energy, Ring Toss by Area 5, Balloon Dart by Area 3, Basketball Toss by Area 1, Cola Bottle Ring by Area 2, Pick A Duck by Building Services, Bottle Knock Down by Central Shops, Operation by IT and Ring-on-a-String by Landscape Services.

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ASK ENVIRO-MAN!

Energy Conservation During Summer Months



Question: Enviro-Man, Are old household batteries recyclable such as AA, AAA, and 9V? Samuel

Answer: Great question Sam! Yes you can recycle your household batteries through several different companies, also since these batteries are considered "disposable" they can be safely removed with your household garbage. If you want to go the first route, there are companies that specialize in recycling non-rechargeable batteries. Here are some links to those services. Keep those questions comin' folks. I'm havin' fun!!! Enviro-Man.

Battery Recycling Links

<http://www.batteryrecycling.com/household.html>

<http://www.rathboneenergy.com/batteries/rbrc/rbrc.htm>

To ask Enviro-Man a question, [click here](#)

OSWM&R Department Hires Student Assistant to Help with Summer Recycling Projects



Justin Hartmann is the new Student Assistant in the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling (OSWM&R). He goes to school at the University of Chicago but is here for the summer to lend a helping hand. At the University of Chicago Justin is majoring in English and Economics and involves himself with student government and the University of Chicago Poetry Department.

While he is here, Justin will be working towards designing and implementing a plan to decorate Recycling Department alcoves in the new Klaus building. He will also be working with the Greek Neighborhood Association to begin a pilot recycling program for fraternities and sororities. In addition, Justin will be taking an inventory across campus of all recycling containers. He is very excited to be here and looks forward to all the stimulating challenges this summer has to offer him!

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Mixed Office Paper Stats for June 2007

15.8 tons of mixed office paper were recycled for the month of June 2007. Let's make this is great year for recycling by placing our mixed paper in the recycling containers provided by the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling.

Upcoming Events – July 2007

National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition Richmond, VA July 13-17
2007 Advanced Summer Institute New York, NY July 15-20
Environmental Compliance Boot Camp Williamsburg, VA July 16-20
OSHA Compliance Boot Camp Hilton Head Island, SC July 23-27
Georgia Recycling Coalition Sixteenth Annual Conference St. Simons Island, GA Aug. 26-29

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Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this [newsletter](#).

We are here to help, and together, we can work to benefit our environment.

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As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. RCP listings, useful links, and a green purchasing guideline can now be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.

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