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## 2014 Earth Day Event at PVM Camp is a Success!

It was a gorgeous warm and sunny day at this year's Earth Day event held at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries Camp in Camden, Ohio. The May 8th event featured 17 presenters speaking on topics ranging from forestry, to soil analysis, to zero waste practices, paper-making, wildlife preservation, and land-use management. The students enjoyed hands-on activities and games, and asked questions at each station to increase their knowledge about how to better take care of our Earth and its human and animal occupants. Everything went very smoothly this year and many of the teachers and present-

ers remarked about how engaged the students were in the discussions and about how well-behaved all the students were. The FFA students did a wonderful job at helping the presenters and students at each of the stations. Thanks go to all of the schools in attendance, because without you, Earth Day would not be possible. A special acknowledgement goes out to all of the presenters for sharing their time, knowledge, and talents with the students and adults in attendance. Finally, this office would like to recognize PVM for allowing the use of its grounds again this year and for putting on such a

great learning event for everyone.

#### Earth Day Poster Contest Winners:

1st place- Gabrielle Petry, (below) of Eaton Middle School, 2nd place– Ryan of West Elkton Middle School, 3rd place– Yuzu Suzuki of Eaton Middle School. Congratulations to them all!



**The Southern Singers sing a traditional Indian song while teaching about using natural resources wisely. →**



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### Ongoing Support for Earth Day-

Today, Earth Day is celebrated all over the planet, not just in the U.S. Earth Day continues to be organized through grass-roots efforts. Every year on April 22, millions of people get together to celebrate the earth and promote environmentally friendly ideas because of the foresight of Senator Nelson. See page 3 for 18 Earth-friendly things kids can do to celebrate Earth Day every day.

## The History of Earth Day

Inspiration for Earth Day- Senator Gaylord Nelson thought of creating a special day to celebrate planet earth because he was worried about its fate. The senator talked to members of Congress and the president about pollution and other environmental-related plane-

tary problems. President Kennedy began visiting parts of the U.S. to discuss these problems.

#### Creation of Earth Day-

Senator Nelson and others still didn't think enough was being done to help earth, so they created Earth Day as a

way to teach people about the importance of improving our environment. Senator Nelson wrote to colleges and put an article in Scholastic magazine hoping children would join Earth Day's cause. After word got around, the first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970.

# Teach the Family to Recycle. Celebrate Earth Day and Go “Green”.

Everyday we are adding more and more waste to our landfills as a society. In Preble County, every citizen creates about 8 pounds of trash daily! Recycling helps keep materials out of the landfill that can be used again and also helps keep unnecessary litter from entering the environment in the first place. This makes the environment pleasing to look at and keeps humans and animals safe and healthy.

Many of the products in stores today are not environmentally friendly at all. For instance, a plastic soda bottle can last up to 500 years in a landfill before it biodegrades! A problem exists when people don't take their items to be recycled and instead they just put the items in the trash to be sent to the landfill (where they will hang around for a very long time). The responsibility to recycle belongs to you and your family. The number of items in stores made from recycled materials is growing but it takes many people recycling to maintain the flow of recycled consumer goods. What can be recycled in our county you ask? Here is a list to get you started: Plastics- Soda, milk, detergent, shampoo and small mouth bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom, Glass- Clear, brown, and green glass bottles and jars, Mixed Paper- newspaper with glossy inserts, magazines, telephone books and catalogs, paperboard boxes (cereal, snacks, etc.), junk mail (direct mail, window envelopes, flyers, etc.), Cans- Aluminum and bi-metal cans, steel food/tin cans, Cardboard- Corrugated cardboard of any size but no pizza boxes please and break down the boxes if possible. Labels do not need to be removed from your recyclables however rinsing your recyclables does help cut down on the smell.

In Preble County there are many places to take your items to recycle if you do not have curbside recycling in your area (like Eaton and Lewisburg). The Solid Waste District's public drop-off areas are listed below and you do not even have to separate your recyclables since a machine in the Dayton recycling facility that we send the recyclables to does this for you.

Drop off locations in Preble County:

1. Eaton Fire Station #2- 391 W. Lexington Rd.
2. Village of Verona- 100 W. Main St.
3. Village of Eldorado- 140 Mill St.
4. Village of College Corner- 209 High St.
5. Farmer's Market- 4269 State Route 732
6. National Trail School- 6940 Oxford-Gettysburg Rd.
7. Village of Lewisburg- 134 Western Ave. (Lewisburg Service Garage)
8. Camden IGA- 200 Cottage St.
9. West Alexandria- Twin Valley South Schools Parking Lot (Rear)
10. West Manchester- 110 W. Scott St. (Library Parking Lot)
11. West Elkton- 123 Camden Ave. (PJs Parking Lot)
12. Morning Sun- 11733 St. Rt. 177 (Robert's Farm Equipment Lot)

Tell your family and friends to recycle. Everyone who recycles helps to save the environment from harm. Recycling is easy!



## 4 Great Books to Read for Earth Day-

- 1) 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth by Earth Works Group. Explains how specific things in a child's environment are connected to the rest of the world, how using them affects the planet, and how the individual can develop habits and projects that are environmentally sound.
- 2) Keepers of the Earth by Michael J. Caduto & Joseph Bruchac. Native American stories and environmental activities for children. This is a book about living, learning, and caring. It features a collection of Native American Indian stories and related hands-on activities designed to inspire children (ages 5-12) and help them to feel a part of their surroundings.
- 3) Earth (The Book) by Jon Stewart. Stewart's social satire written for the aliens that could potentially land on Earth after human extinction is sure to keep you laughing.
- 4) 100 Places to Go Before They Disappear by Patrick Drew. Drew reveals all of the places that, due to climate change, may actually disappear during our lifetime.

## 18 Earth-friendly Things Kids Can Do To Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

1. Enlist friends, hand out bags and clean up a nearby park.
2. Plant shrubs or a tree in your yard.
3. Start a vegetable garden in pots or a small plot.
4. Organize a cleanup day at your school.
5. Create posters with environmental themes and ask teachers to post them in their classrooms.
6. Look for recycling symbols on products you or your parents buy. Purchase items in recyclable packaging whenever possible. Avoid products using excess packaging.
7. Encourage your parents to carry a reusable shopping bag, and suggest they buy in bulk to minimize packaging waste.
8. Bicycle or walk to school rather than being driven by your parents (if Mom and Dad say it's safe).
9. Steer your parents toward organic pesticides, such as those made from orange extract.
10. Turn off lights, fans or the TV when you leave the room (unless your little brother is still in there).
11. Check your home for leaky faucets or toilets, and volunteer to help fix those in need of repair.
12. Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth or washing your face and hands.
13. Take shorter showers.
14. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean the driveway or sidewalk.
15. Remind your parents that washing the car less often saves water (and may get you out of the dreaded chore).
16. Ask your parents to raise (in summer) or lower (in winter) the thermostat a few degrees, telling them it will save energy as well as money.
17. Lower the blinds when the sun comes up to deflect heat from the windows.
18. Offer to replace air filters. A clean filter helps the air-conditioner run more efficiently.



You can help keep the Earth clean too!

## Earth Day Craft– Pencil Holder Made from Toilet Paper Tube & Popsicle Sticks

Craft Supplies for 1 Project: Toilet paper roll

14-15 regular craft sticks /used popsicle sticks that are pre-painted or use paint/brush/markers

Loaded glue gun

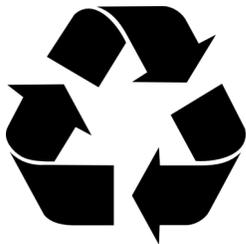
Cardboard scrap for bottom

Embellishments according to your taste and choice (ex. Flat backed marbles, flower shaped

Sequins and gold thread ribbon for girls and foam shape stickers (boats, trucks, etc.) for boys.

Directions: Trace around the end of paper roll onto the cardboard (making a circle) and cut it out. Glue the cardboard circle to one end of the roll making a bottom for the holder. Glue craft sticks all around the roll. Paint or decorate with markers, let dry. Put on embellishments. Fill it with stuff, put it on the table and be proud of your earth-friendly creation!

The finished Earth Day pencil holder. Now you make your own! →



**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

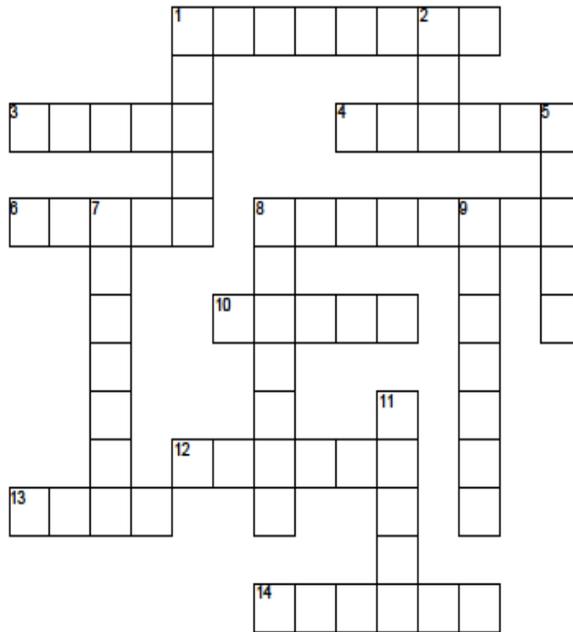


**Let's be good to our Earth....**

# Earth Day

## Word Bank

air  
animals  
clean  
earth  
Earth Day  
fish  
forest  
green  
litter  
plants  
pollute  
preserve  
recycle  
trash  
trees  
water



### ACROSS

- 1 April 22. (Two words.)
- 3 All living things need this liquid to live.
- 4 A large area covered in trees.
- 6 Another word for garbage.
- 8 To keep safe from harm.
- 10 The opposite of dirty.
- 12 Trash thrown on the ground.
- 13 They often die when water is polluted.
- 14 Trees, vines, shrubs, flowers, and herbs.

### DOWN

- 1 Our planet.
- 2 Car exhaust pollutes this.
- 5 Often planted on Earth Day.
- 7 Endangered ones include bald eagles, pandas, and killer whales.

- 8 To make the environment dirty.
- 9 To reuse instead of throw away.
- 11 A popular color to wear on Earth Day.



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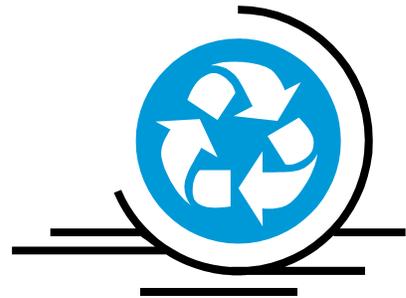
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Rotate key below for answers!

Answers:  
Across:  
(1) Earth Day, (2) Air, (3) Water, (4) Forest, (6) Trash, (8) Preserve, (10) Clean, (12) Litter, (13) Fish, (14) Plants.  
Down:  
(1) Earth, (2) Air, (7) Animals, (8) Pollute, (9) Recycle, (11) Green.

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Earth Day,  
Every Day!

Interesting websites to visit for Earth Day-

Kaboose Earth Day, DLTK's Earth Day Activities for Kids, Planetpals, and Earth Day for Kids. These sites include games, crafts, coloring pages, fun facts about the environment, and reading lists for Earth Day books.