



KANSAS KIDS CAN!

REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE



FALL 2003

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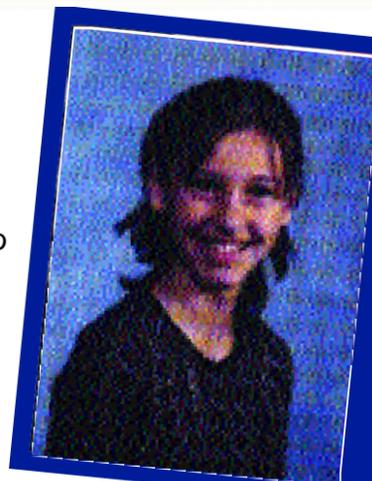
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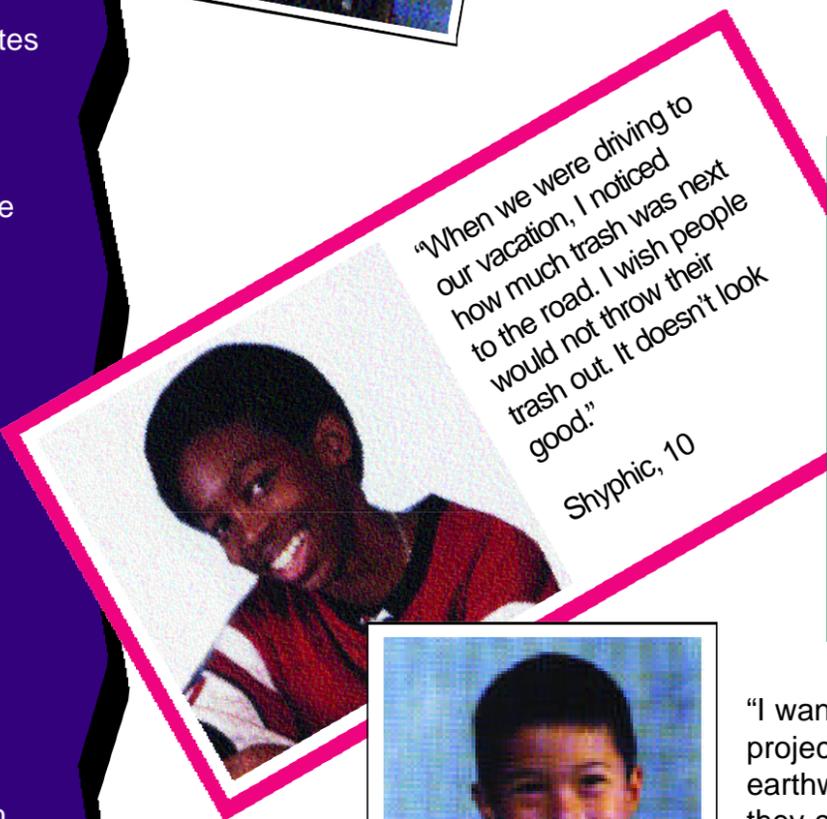
"I looked inside the trash truck that picks up our trash. There was a lot of trash. It sort of makes me sad that we throw so much away."

Megan, 10



"Millions of computers are thrown away each year. Did you know that many of them can be recycled?"

Kelli, 11



"When we were driving to our vacation, I noticed how much trash was next to the road. I wish people would not throw their trash out. It doesn't look good."

Shyphic, 10



"Our girl scout troop is going to collect used eyeglasses and give them to a group that gives them to people who can't afford new glasses. It will be a great way to help."

Katie, 11



"I want to do a science project at school using earthworms. I read that they can improve the soil. I want to see how that happens."

Daniel, 9

Send us your photo and one or two sentence "quote". We'll try to use it in an upcoming issue of Kansas Kids Can.

Please mail it to:
KDHE -Bureau of Waste Management
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Topeka, KS 66612.



Our Recycling Project

With two sisters, two dogs, a cat and a parakeet, our family makes a lot of trash. My sisters and I decided to start a recycling plan for our family.

We printed cans, newspapers, and plastic on three grocery sacks and put

them in the garage. Each one of us girls is responsible for one of the sacks.

I have newspapers, so every day or so, I collect our newspapers and put them in the sack. Mine fills up the fastest so I sometimes have to make another sack.

There is a recycle center behind our grocery store so every once in a while, we load

our sacks up and take them to the recycle center.

It feels good that we are doing something to keep Kansas clean.

If you have a fun story about how you, your family or your class at school is making a difference in the Kansas environment, please mail it to:
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or e-mail us:

Fabulous Fact! on Aluminum

There is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be melted down and reused...that means aluminum can be recycled and reused over and over again!



- It takes 80 - 100 years for an aluminum can to decompose (break down and disappear) in our landfills and dumps.
- Aluminum cans can be recycled into: soda cans, pie plates, thumbtacks, license plates, aluminum foil and many other items.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to operate a TV for up to 3 hours.

Take the Challenge and

There's a contest goin' on right here! To help celebrate America Recycles Day, you can pledge to begin recycling, continue your GREAT recycling habits or commit to starting your recycling efforts again. Simply fill out the Pledge card included, clip it out and send it to the address below. By doing this, you are entered in the drawing for TOTALLY AWESOME prizes to be given away. America Recycles Day is Saturday, November 15, 2003. Don't delay, Fill it out TODAY! Mail to: KDHE Bureau of Waste Management Attn: Kansas Kids Can 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Check the Kansas Don't Spoil It website for a link to the America Recycles Day web page and take a look at the prizes! GOOD LUCK!

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY 2003 CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Here's how I'm renewing my commitment to recycling in the coming year:

I'll buy more recycled content products (like recycled office paper);

I'll increase my recycling efforts at home, school and work;

Other recycling-related effort _____
(like attending an ARD event)

Please enter me in the random drawing to be held on or about December 9, 2003. One entry per person. No purchase necessary. Your name and address will be kept confidential and you will not be contacted unless you are a winner. Your signature on this form gives us permission to your name and city of residence in publicity materials if you are a prize winner. Entries must be received by November 20, 2003. For a complete set of rules visit the America Recycles Day website: www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org.

Name: (please print) _____ I am under 18

Organization or School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

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How ALUMINUM IS RECYCLED



You Can Do It With Aluminum!



- Materials You Will Need:**
- An empty aluminum can or glass jar
 - Can opener
 - Yarn
 - Glue that dries clear
 - Scissors
 - Decorations (such as sequins, pebbles, beads, dried flowers, leaves, shells, pasta, buttons).



Instructions:

- Have an adult cut off the top of your aluminum can using the can opener. If you are using a glass jar, rinse and dry your jar.
- Turn the container upside-down
- Begin at the bottom of the container and glue the yarn around the container. Keep the yarn tight and close together so the can or jar does not show through. Continue to glue the yarn around the container until it is fully covered.
- Glue decorations on your pencil holder once the glue is dry

Optional:

To preserve your pencil holder, brush a coat of clear acrylic finish all over your pencil holder.

6 7 3 0 3 5 1 8 2

1 9 3 4 4 5

Using the key below, substitute the letter that corresponds to the number, and see what it spells!

E-7 G-2 I-1 L-5 O-4 R-6 S-9 Y-0 / N-8



It's Coming Your way!

Recycles Day, Saturday, November 15, 2003!

Many Kansas families recycle because YOU remind your parents about how important it is to the environment. If your family hasn't started recycling yet, why not try it for a day on Saturday, November 15 in celebration of America Recycles Day?

America Recycles Day began in 1997 and encourages Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

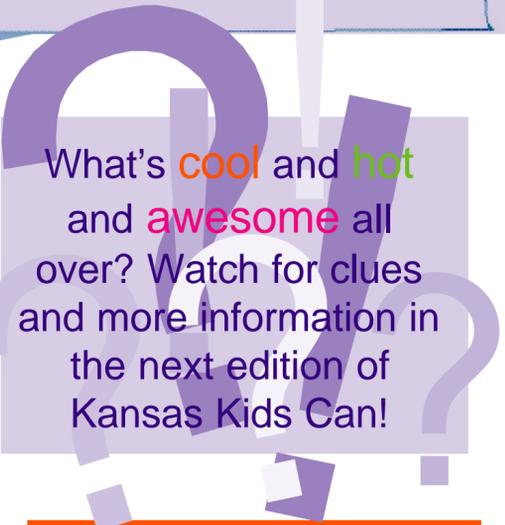
Last year, there were more than 800 different events planned across the nation for America Recycles Day. There were art contests for kids to create sculptures from recyclable materials to bringing a recyclable item to a hockey game for a chance to win autographed team things such as helmets, t-shirts and a hockey stick.

Three kids won a Five Trek aluminum 24 speed bike last year,

too! Everyone was asked to fill out a pledge card to commit to increasing recycling activities. Some were filled out at events in their local communities and some kids filled them out online. All of the pledge cards were entered into a random drawing for the bicycles. One of the lucky kids to win the bike was from Emporia, Kansas! Will you be one of the lucky ones this year? Log on or fill out the Pledge Card in this issue of the Kansas Kids Can.

President Bush said, "What may appear to be a small act is really important: cleaning up a park, or recycling or encouraging people and showing people how to conserve energy."

Mark your calendar, and plan on participating in America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 15, 2003 – and start to make every day America Recycles Day!



This newsletter is printed on paper that includes recycled material. When you are finished with your Kansas Kids Can, pass it along to someone else - or recycle it!

Close the loop, buy Recycled

All of these can be made from recycled materials.

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| carpet | picnic table |
| bag | floor mat |
| tile | book |
| shoes | park bench |
| toys | clothing |
| pencil | envelope |
| box | paper towels |
| ruler | binder |



How many can you find hidden below?

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Y O B
N S Y O P
Z H E S N S A
L O T A P Q F M R
M E N O R A N L E B K
R S C T G U P I O W N X B
V A N N C E M E K O Z C F G E
O T S P A E N V R D R H I A D S N
K R U L E R F V J T O M C L Y R W B C
Q E K R M N A Q E X O B A K J E T P J G H
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T B L Q K O O B C A T B E K S V C P I C N I C T A B L E I

YOUR OPINION:

We want to know your thoughts on recycling in your family! Log on to our website and take the survey. We'll report the results in our next issue of Kansas Kids Can!

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You
Can Make A Difference



PLAY!

Jump on to our website at www.kansasdontspoilit.com and solve the puzzle. The puzzles will change, so be sure to sign on and see if you can win. Every correct entry will be placed in a drawing for cool prizes to be given away every month!

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Material in this newsletter is also available on the web at www.kansasdontspoilit.com. To order the Kansas Kids Can newsletter, submit writings or request additional information, write to:

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KANSAS KIDS SAID IT:

In the next issue of Kansas Kids Can, we want to feature YOUR favorite place to see in Kansas! It could be your favorite landscape, it could be a destination or a vacation spot by the river, or it could be your own back yard!

Is it a tree in your neighborhood that has cool leaves in the Fall? Or maybe it's your vegetable garden or your flower garden?

Let us know your favorite place to see in Kansas. Send us your comments

and a picture if you can, to:

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Or log on to the web and tell us in the feedback section. Let us know if you are sending a picture, too!
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Deadline for responses:
October 15, 2003.

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