



2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Free Home Elementary School
Special thanks to the Timken Company in Ball Ground who provided the funding for us to visit this school and its students.

I “LIKEL” TO RECYCLE™

This interactive, entertaining program educates listeners about the three R’s—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, what we all can recycle (The Big 5), why it’s important to recycle, and more. In 2013 we visited the Charles Place Senior Center, McGinnis Woods Country Day School, Free Home Elementary, Whitlow Elementary, Pinecrest Academy & the Sharon Forks Library.



Pictured volunteer Lisa LaFayette at Fire Dept. Trunk or Treat event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Giving back to our community is one of our core values. So in 2013 we again participated in two local events. At the Forsyth County Fire Department’s Trunk or Treat event we handed out 230 reuse games and crafts to children in partnership with the Sawnee Woman’s Club. At the Windermere community’s Fall Festival we made over 75 Halloween reuse crafts with children.



87 entries were received for our America Recycles Day contest. Special thanks to Premier Surplus, Sawnee Woman’s Club, Stars and Strikes, Windermere Golf Club, and Chattahoochee Nature Center for donating prizes for the kids.

CONTESTS FOR KIDS

Reaping Nature holds two annual contests for kids around Earth Day (April) and America Recycles Day (November). By entering our contests, kids will gain a better understanding of their environment, fine arts, social studies and science. Our contests are fun, offer kids the opportunity to win cool prizes, a few moments of fame and, most importantly, to learn.



COMING NOVEMBER 15, 2014 REGISTRATION OPENS IN JULY

Reaping Nature and Friends of Tony, a charity of hope, supporting those affected by childhood cancer (www.friendsoftony.org), are partnering to bring awareness to their interconnected causes.

In the case of childhood cancer, studies increasingly show correlations between certain environmental agents and rates of illness. Most scientists believe that environmental factors cause or



contribute to many cancers in children. The environmental agents linked to these cancers include, but are not limited to, pesticides, radiation, solvents, paints, metals and secondhand tobacco smoke.*

*Children, Cancer & The Environment, Natural Resources Defense Council, www.nrdc.org



SUPPORT US

Financial support is invaluable to continue Reaping Nature’s work to empower, involve and educate others about protecting our environment.

Your support will allow us to reach and educate children and others to care for their natural surroundings, to recycle, and to become stewards in their communities, businesses, homes and schools.

Contact info@reapingnature.com or call 770-490-1083 to explore how you can get involved in environmental education. Donations accepted online.

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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM REAPING NATURE

EVERY DROP OF WATER COUNTS™

In this interactive, educational and entertaining program, students will learn about why we need water, the water cycle, how much water there is on Earth, what forms water comes in, how much water it takes to make some everyday items we all use, conservation measures, how our bodies need water, what uses the most water in our homes, and then concludes with our original song. Contact us for rates and to book your event. (Available in limited areas)

ADOPT A RED WIGGLER WORM BIN OR BUY ONE

Bring nature to your classroom, home or business. Engage and educate children while they have fun learning about these wiggly worms who like to eat your organic food waste. At home or work divert your organic food waste from landfills and create vitamin packed compost for your garden or office plants. Adoption fee of \$50 per bin or \$75 to buy your own. Visit our website to learn more. (Free Delivery—Forsyth County only)

EARTH DAY CONTEST FOR NORTH FULTON, FORSYTH COUNTY AND CHEROKEE COUNTY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We're changing up our Earth Day contest for kids. In year's past this contest was directed at elementary-aged students. In an effort to get our middle school and high school students involved in gardening, we're launching our WIN A GARDEN TOWER FOR YOUR SCHOOL CONTEST in 2014. Let us know why your school needs a garden tower and how you will use it in 500 words or less (pictures & video welcome). Approval from school's administration is required. Please make sure form is signed by Principal or Vice Principal. One middle school and one high school will be picked to receive a garden tower for their school. For more information, please visit our website or email us.

RECYCLING SYMBOL BELT BUCKLE & JEWELRY

Show your support for recycling and the environment with a recycling symbol belt buckle, earrings or pendant. Reaping Nature receives \$10 from each purchase. Visit our website to find out how to get yours!



Daves Creek Elementary is one of ten schools in Forsyth County that now has a compost bin to educate students & reduce landfill waste.

COMPOST BINS— TYSON FOODS

In partnership with Tyson Foods, Reaping Nature installed more compost bins at Forsyth County schools in 2013. Cumming, Whitlow, Mashburn, Sharon, Shiloh Point, Daves Creek, Haw Creek, Forsyth Central, North Forsyth High, and Piney Grove Middle all have bins.



Pictured (L to R): Kevin Smith of KFCB, Jr. Volunteers of the Year, Christian & Dillon (brothers), and Denise Carleton of Reaping Nature.

JR. VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—KEEP FORSYTH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

Reaping Nature was honored to be able to award \$100 each to two North Forsyth High School students at the annual Keep Forsyth County Beautiful awards banquet. This was a new opportunity for us in 2013.



Registration opens July 2014.
www.reapingnature.org/Five-Points-Challenge-5K.html

FIVE POINTS CHALLENGE 5K

In November of 2013 we partnered with Friends of Tony, a non-profit organization that focuses on childhood cancer, to hold our first annual 5K. The event was attended by over 150 participants at the Windermere Golf Club in Cumming. We are looking forward to a bigger and better 5K on November 15, 2014!

ABOUT US

Reaping Nature Educational Outreach Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provides thoughtful and entertaining environmental education programs for the public and for children in public and private schools.

Educating others to care for issues impacting our environment, such as resource depletion, recycling and water/energy conservation, is an investment for all of us.



McGinnis Woods Country Day School

AWARDS/TESTIMONIALS

* National Award, Waste Reduction/Recycling., Distinguished Service Citation, Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (2012)

* State Award, 2nd place, Waste Reduction by a Non-Profit, Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (2012 & 2010)

"Thank you for coming out! The children really enjoy the shows. They may be little, but this is a crucial time in their learning, and if we can get them to start being green now, hopefully it will foster an appreciation of what we/they can do to make the world a better place." - Preschool Director, Cornerstone Schools

"Presentation was excellent! It involved and engaged the students. Everyone loved it!" - 2nd grade teacher, Pinecrest Academy

"Excellent program! Our students were actively engaged the entire time!" - 3rd grade teacher, Free Home Elementary School

WHY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MATTERS

"It's been shown that fostering environmental education in children is critical because it—helps them develop into adults who understand and care about environmental stewardship; nurtures their sense of wonder, imagination, and creativity; provides them with a sense of beauty, calm, and refuge in a sometimes frightening world; expands their intellectual development; proven to improve test scores, grade-point averages, and problem-solving skills; enhances physical development; and helps them understand the interrelationship of all life."



Source: [Promote Environmental Education in Children](http://www.charityguide.org) by Deborah Mitchell, www.charityguide.org - How to Make a Difference in a Few Hours

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead*

As members of the Board of Directors in 2013, we had the privilege and joy of witnessing Reaping Nature Educational Outreach make such an impact on our local North Georgia community, especially the children.

As we remember our own childhoods and how the topics of recycling and sustaining our natural environment were rarely present, I am so encouraged of the changing attitudes of our communities and so proud that Reaping Nature is pushing forward to educate and involve a young generation.

One of Reaping Nature's core goals is to make environmental education and its related programs accessible to all children in the community. It is this broad commitment that we believe will nurture a culture of recycling and other sustainable actions that will be commonplace in our homes, schools and businesses in the next generation.

The goals for 2014 are to continue the mission of Reaping Nature — to educate, involve and empower children and the public to care for our natural environment — and to identify and implement the most effective ways to serve the local community through its programs and environmental awareness events.

We look forward to the coming year and thank you for your support of this vital organization.

Wendy Kraby, Esq., Board Member

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