



America Recycles 2004



What is America Recycles 2004?

America Recycles is a national celebration that culminates on November 15 to remind us that recycling is working and the important role each of us plays in making recycling a success. In South Carolina, more than 650 recycling programs are available across the State. The goal is simple: to participate in a local recycling program every day, whether it is at home, school or work. The year's theme is "It All Comes Back to You."

The **objective** of America Recycles is to sign cards accepting the challenge to buy recycled or support a recycling program or event. The cards are entered in drawings at the local, State and National level. The State grand prize is \$1,000! The National grand prize is a hybrid Ford Escape (for adults) and Trek bicycles (for kids). For more information, visit the SCDHEC website at www.scdhec.gov/recycle.

How can you participate in America Recycles 2004?

- 1.) **Take the recycling challenge!** Visit a local convenience center and fill out a challenge card. This shows an expression of your support in favor of recycling programs and buying recycled products.
- 2.) **Recycle something new.** Take advantage of the chance to recycle something new, maybe a rechargeable battery or printer cartridge. Oconee County Convenience Centers also accept used motor oil, oil filters, oil bottles, and cooking oil for recycling. Bring us your old eyeglasses and hearing aids. The Lion's Club will reuse these in a local community.
- 3.) **Contests!** Encourage your school or exemplary recycling teacher to apply for Recycling School of the Year or Recycling Teacher of the Year. In addition, your convenience center has information about the Recycling Student of the Year award.



America Recycles 2004 Adventure

This year will mark the second year we have hosted an America Recycles Adventure for 4th-graders in our area. On November 15th, 200 students from Walhalla area schools will visit the Shaver Center to participate in hands-on activities related to litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and buying recycled.

The Adventure is set up like an educational carnival, consisting of game and craft booths. The students rotate from booth to booth, learning about waste reduction and recycling. Local volunteers from Oconee Solid Waste, Keep Oconee Beautiful, and SC DHEC will be on hand to staff the booths. It is our goal to offer the program to a different community each year, in an effort to spread the recycling message throughout the county.

For information about America Recycles 2004, visit the SC DHEC website at www.scdhec.gov/recycle or call the Oconee Solid Waste Office at 888-1440.



Making Newspaper Hats



Decorating Newspaper Hats



Taking time out to pose with Chippy