

# EverGreen Newsletter

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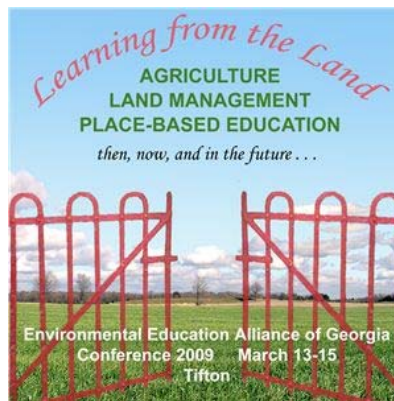
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## Next EverGreen Meeting: March 19 at Atlanta Academy

Join us on March 19 from 4:30-5:30 at Atlanta Academy (2000 Holcomb Woods Parkway Roswell, GA) to learn more about school gardens. We will highlight resources for schools, ways to get students and teachers more comfortable outside, and basic guidelines for starting a school garden. We'll also highlight schools in North Fulton that have been successful with a school garden. As always, food and drinks will be provided by Harry's Farmers Market.

## Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia Conference 2009



March 13-14 2009

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center  
Tifton, GA

Scholarships are available through February 13!

Early-bird registration ends February 28!

[www.ealliance.org](http://www.ealliance.org)

## Chattahoochee Nature Center: A Wonderful Resource in North Fulton!

Come and explore the Chattahoochee Nature Center with your class for a fun-filled educational experience your students won't soon forget! Our 127-acre classroom and experienced staff can spark the spirit of discovery in your students. A CNC education program is considered a Time on Task activity as designated by the Georgia Department of Education for an extension of in-school curriculum. Each program is hands-on, grade-level appropriate, interdisciplinary and GPS correlated. Can't make the trip to visit us? No problem! Book an Outreach Program and we will bring the learning and fun right into your classroom! Either way, a CNC naturalist will lead your class on a great day of exploration. We offer program discounts and have scholarship money available! Please visit our website at [www.chattnaturecenter.org](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org) for program descriptions, pricing, and GPS correlations. For questions, please contact Jamie Gilkison, the Director of School Programs, at [j.gilkison@chattnaturecenter.com](mailto:j.gilkison@chattnaturecenter.com) or by phone at 770-992-2055 x245.



**Georgia's Arbor Day will be celebrated on  
Friday, February 20th, 2009!**



This year the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Georgia Urban Forest Council are celebrating the theme “Plant Your Legacy” and launching a new Web site, “The Grove” (COMING SOON!). Visit “The Grove” to find out how you can plant trees to

commemorate special life moments and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

The best time to plant trees in Georgia is between the months of November and mid-March. Planting during this time allows trees a chance to become established before the hot, dry period of summer. This is why Arbor Day is celebrated every year in Georgia on the third Friday of February.

Check out the links above for information on Arbor Day and ways that you and your family or business can take part in leaving a lasting legacy for future generations by planting a tree.

You can find the history of Arbor Day, teacher resources and more here

<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/CommunityForests/ArborDay/index.cfm>

**Autrey Mill Nature Center to host Arbor Day Activities!**

Saturday, February 21 from 10:00-4:00 at Autrey Mill Nature Center. There will be many activities to help Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts as well as Cub Scouts earn requirements. For more information, visit [www.autreymill.org](http://www.autreymill.org) or call 678-366-3511.

**Alpharetta Arbor Day  
Saturday February 21, 2009**

**Baseball pavilion at Wills Park behind the Mansell House  
10:00am to 2:00pm with the Ceremony at 11:00am  
Join us for a fun filled day celebrating Arbor Day**

As with last year, the ongoing drought has shifted the focus from planting trees to an event filled with educational activities for the entire family. Earth Friendly games, a Victorian scavenger hunt called Letterboxes and an interactive puppet show will be Brownies can earn their “Earth is our home” Try It points. Workshops will be held on tree planting, and water conservation. Informative guided tours of the new Alpharetta Arboretum at Wills Park will also be available.

One ceremonial tree will be planted in tradition. The planting and recognition the ceremonies the winners of the annual announced. The contest which drew 130 first through eighth grade who draw their Day.



The event is a project of the Alpharetta coordinated by commissioners Becky Beal, David Cox and David Flannery. Volunteer supporters include the Alpharetta Garden Club, Alpharetta, High School Key Club, Amana Academy, Milton High School Environment Club, Webb Bridge Green Team and St. Aiden’s EYC. Let us know if you’d like to help.

Wills Park in keeping with Arbor Day ceremonies will begin at 11 a.m. During Arbor Day Art Contest will be entrants this year is open to children from interpretation of the importance of Arbor

Tree Commission and is being

## North Fulton Recycling Center Information

Did you know? The North Fulton Recycling Center at 470 Morgan Falls Rd. in Sandy Springs is accepting all kinds of batteries for recycling, alkaline, NiCad, rechargeable etc. The center is open for drop off 24/7. 770-551-7766.

Congress voted 2/4 to give consumers four more months to prepare for the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting. (until June). You can recycle your televisions at Roswell Recycling Center on Hembree Rd., or North Fulton Recycling Center at 470 Morgan Falls Rd., Sandy Springs. There is a \$10/charge recycling fee per set.

### KNFB and Altrusa International Team Up for a Book Drive and Sale

Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21, 10-3  
North Fulton Recycling Center  
470 Morgan Falls Rd.  
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

If you have books you can donate, contact Cindy Eade, [cleanandbeautiful@comcast.net](mailto:cleanandbeautiful@comcast.net) for pick up, or drop off your gently used books at the Recycling Center. Proceed benefit both these Sandy Springs non profits.

### Make A Rain Barrel in Sandy Springs!

The water conservation measures are here to stay according to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Make and decorate a 55 gal. rain barrel that will fill up with just ¼ inch of rain, from most roofs. This workshop is Saturday, Feb. 28. 1-3 PM

North Fulton Recycling Center  
470 Morgan Falls Rd.

Sandy Springs, GA 30350

We also have ready made rain barrels for sale.  
Cost \$75.

To register for the workshop, please email [info@keepnorthfultonbeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepnorthfultonbeautiful.org)

UGA Cooperative Extension Agent, Fulton County.  
This workshop is free but please register by emailing [tporter@alpharetta.ga.us](mailto:tporter@alpharetta.ga.us) or calling 678.297.6200

### Landscaping in a Thirsty Environment Workshop

*Stay to take the Outdoor water registration exam and receive your certification*

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

1:00pm to 2:00pm

Alpharetta Adult Activity Center in North Park

Join us to learn about the seven principals of Xeriscaping and how to have a water wise landscape. This isn't about growing cacti. Our guest presenter is Ms. Louise Estabrook,



### Rain Barrel Workshop

Tuesday March 10, 2009

1:00pm-2:00pm

Alpharetta Adult Activity Center in North Park

13450 Cogburn Road

Attend this one hour workshop and "make and take" a rain barrel with you. Cost is \$25.00 and includes the rain barrel and all supplies. Space is limited so you must pre-register by emailing [tporter@alpharetta.ga.us](mailto:tporter@alpharetta.ga.us) or calling 678.297.6200

### Save the Date!

Big Creek Walk-a-thon and Wetlands Festival

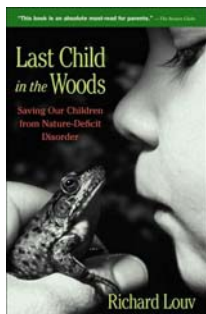
Friday, May 15, 2009 4:00-7:00pm

Northwood Elementary School Field

Participants will walk the 2.8 mile path around Big Creek Wetlands and then enjoy an evening of food, music, games, crafts, and prizes at Northwood Elementary School Field. More



information to follow on [www.keepproswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keepproswellbeautiful.org)



### *Last Child in the Woods* Author Richard Louv to Speak in Atlanta!

Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit-Disorder* will speak at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Northside Parkway on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm. This is a free event. For information go to [www.playatlanta.org](http://www.playatlanta.org).

### Recycling Ranger Program

Mark Your Calendar for Tuesday, March 10 at Ocee Library in Johns Creek. Keep North Fulton Beautiful will be conducting a program at 4 Pm for preschoolers-3<sup>rd</sup> grade called Recycling Rangers-and you'll be able to make a recycled craft. Free but registrations are taken since space is limited 770-360-8897.

### 'TRASH TAWKIN'

Diane Cameron a local playwright, director and vocalist is looking to work with affiliates for Earth Day presentations. She has authored an environmental theatre production called "TRASH TAWKIN". It is a play that can be adapted for all ages. Attached you'll find Diane's contact information and you can view a promotion video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm5E\\_PMZXj4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm5E_PMZXj4)

### Cool Waters Teacher Training

Need to earn PLUs? Interested in learning new ways to teach students K-12 about pollution, drought, conservation? Want to walk away with over 200 new lesson plans that all meet GA Performance Standards? Then register for the 2009 Cool Waters Teacher Training June 10-12 at Big Creek Water Reclamation Plant in Roswell! For only **\$30** you will receive three curriculum guides, catered breakfast and lunch each day, daily field trips, and two PLUs. Space is limited, so register now at [www.gawp.org](http://www.gawp.org) or call 770-794-5227.



### Calling all North Fulton middle school and high school students!

The City of Roswell and Keep Roswell Beautiful are looking for a water themed t-shirt design for the Big Creek Walk-A-Thon. Entries can be drawn, painted, or computer generated (no photographs) and the winner's artwork will appear on the Big Creek Walk-A-Thon t-shirt and recognized at the festival on May 15, 2009. For information, go to [www.keepproswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keepproswellbeautiful.org).

## Captain Planet Foundation's Environmental Outdoor Educator of the Year



Vicky Castro  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Amana Academy Charter School

Ms. Vicky Castro, eighth grade math and science teacher, Amana Academy has been awarded the National 2008-2009 Captain Planet Foundation's Environmental Outdoor Educator of the Year award. "Ms. Castro has been a long time champion for environmental education at Amana and in the community and has worked tirelessly to establish numerous conservation/education initiatives such as an outdoor reading garden, the Amana Environmental Crew, a comprehensive campus recycling program that includes paper, metal, plastic, toner cartridges, and cell phones, our Waste Free Lunch program, classroom vermicomposting, numerous environmentally friendly purchasing policies and energy conservation protocols, and the annual Earth Day Celebration just to name a few." According to the Amana Journal Congratulations Ms. Vicky!

## Recycle Rose

Sheryll Mead's Kindergarten class at Spaulding Charter in Sandy Springs has a very environmentally aware, "green" classroom. At the beginning of the year, they collected soda cans and cardboard boxes and made a sculpture of a woman. They named her "Recycle Rose", and wrote a song about her.



## Upcoming Green Readers Book Club Selections

Are you looking for a book club that examines the issues that matter to you and your family? Join the Green Readers Book Club sponsored by Harry's Farmers Market and Keep Roswell Beautiful!

Our schedule of books for the next few months is:

February 9: *Omnivores Dilemma* by Michael Pollan

March 16: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

To register, email [Jennifer.smeth@wholefoods.com](mailto:Jennifer.smeth@wholefoods.com) or call 770-664-6300. Refreshments will be provided.



## Web Site to help plan for Earth Day

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/thematicunits/earthday.htm>

<http://www.earthday.gov/>

<http://www.eeweek.org/>

[http://www.myfootprint.org/en/visitor\\_information/](http://www.myfootprint.org/en/visitor_information/)

[www.EarthDay.net](http://www.EarthDay.net)

<http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/currl/earthday/default.htm>

## Earth Day Grocery Bag Project

This is an easy, cost-free, environmental awareness project that teams up **youth and grocers** to protect our planet. This link contains the basic information about how to do this program. You will need to contact your grocery partner well in advance to ensure that they will have the paper bags on hand.

[http://www.afandpa.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Educators\\_and\\_Students/Youth\\_Action\\_Kit/EarthDay.pdf](http://www.afandpa.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Educators_and_Students/Youth_Action_Kit/EarthDay.pdf)

## GRANTS!!



The [Captain Planet Foundation](#) provides grants of up to \$2,500 to school and community groups to support hands-on environmental projects. The objective of the Foundation is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.



You can submit a proposal at any time during the year. However, proposals will only be reviewed the last day of March, June, September, and December. It is very important to remember this information if your project is seasonal. For example, if you are seeking funding for a summer project you would want to submit an application no later than the December 31st deadline in the year prior, otherwise you will not have your grant money in time for the project.

All applications must be submitted using online form.

[Application Form](#)

Remember, there are always grants available at  
<http://www.eeingorgia.com/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.68.4863&tid=85010>

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