

Shasta Week of Service Ideas

Fact	Problem	Service Ideas	Resources
380 Billion plastic bags are used annually in the United States, each bag is used for about 25 minutes and less than 3% are recycled and they never biodegrade.	It costs the state \$25 million annually to landfill discarded plastic bags. At least 267 species are adversely affected by plastic marine debris. Plastic bags are especially dangerous to sea turtles.	Write letters in support of AB1998 (Brownley) Plastic Bag Ban <i>Make your own shopping bags and trade them for plastic bags that you can use for craft projects</i>	http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/661/p.dia.action.public/?action_KEY=2457 www.cawrecycles.org/issues/plastic_campaign/plastic_bags/problem
By using cold water instead of warm, the average household can avoid emitting 1,281 pounds of carbon dioxide annually and save on energy bills	Using warm water instead of hot water for two loads of laundry a week (electric) will save 500 pounds of carbon dioxide pollution. 500 pounds of carbon dioxide is ten miles of driving.	Talk to local appliance dealers to see what you can do together	http://charityguide.or/fifteen/laundry-machine-reviews.htm
		Have a "Green Living Tips" Fair at your school with information booths set up as parents are picking up their children.	http://globalwarming-facts.info/50-tips.html
The energy consumption on heating and cooling the home is 50 percent of the total electricity consumption of an average household.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioning and Heaters indirectly inject additional carbon dioxide into the air. • The Earth's temperature has increased by about 1 degree Fahrenheit in the last century. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to an energy company to find out what you can do as partners to educate the community and encourage them to reduce their energy usage. • Talk to City Hall – or the energy companies – can we have a "filter replacement day"? Or a "Lower your thermostat day"? 	http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,206724,00.html http://www.powerscorecard.org/reduce_energy.cfm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You would be able to circle the earth 436 times per year with the Styrofoam cups that are used in the United States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These products are made with petroleum, a non-sustainable and heavily polluting resource. • Eating out of a styrofoam cup can contain acidic substances that could harm you after many consumptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a list of local restaurants that use Styrofoam. Talk to them about how Styrofoam affects the earth and offer them suggestions like the new biodegradable paper products. If possible, contact some companies that sell biodegradable paper products and get some samples. 	http://www.grinningplanet.com/2008/04-08/foam-cups-polystyrene-cups-article.htm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School budgets have been cut drastically so many schools need to re-use text books each year • Some books are no longer useable and must be discarded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books become old and torn without book covers and tips on how to take care of them. • Only 24 books are produced for ever tree felled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak to your Principal and ask which books you can make covers for. o Have a plan – know when and how you will be covering the books o How long will it take you to cover "x" amount of books? • Throw a book swap party. 	http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/community-tips/recycle-used-books-460808#ixzz0w9oOKhws

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