

Earth Day Extravaganza!

Friday April 29, 2011

The HHS Environmental Club invites you to celebrate Earth Day by offering field trips, workshops and presentations that are described below. Any time you are not in a workshop you will attend your regular classes.

Morning Session (first through fourth periods)

8:00 - 9:25 – Documentary

FLOW - Irena Salina's award-winning documentary investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century -The World Water Crisis. Salina builds a case against the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply.

9:30-12:00 – Field Trips

1) Field Trip to Cobb Hill (20 students)

Cobb Hill is a sustainable living community in Hartland, VT. Students will tour and work on the farm while learning about living a sustainable lifestyle.

2) Dartmouth Organic Farm tour (20 students)

Take a walking tour with Scott Stokoe, director of Dartmouth's organic farm and learn about various techniques of sustainable agriculture. In addition, see their solar greenhouse where fish and vegetables are grown together.

3) Field Trip to Cedar Circle (20 students)

Author and Farm owner Will Allen, will speak about food politics as he shows students around Cedar Circle Farm in Thetford. Students will see the importance of organic farming while learning all about Cedar Circle Farm.

4) Ecology of Cricenti Bog (20 students)

Local naturalist and nature photographer, Ted Levin will lead a tour of the quaking Cricenti Bog in New London, N.H. to explore the unique flora and fauna including carnivorous plants. Bring knee-high boots, the water may be cold!

5) Vermont Institute of Natural Science - Bird Watching and Raptor Program (15 students)

Spring in New England is an exciting time of year to watch and listen for birds. Join HHS's very own ornithologist Spencer Hardy, who will lead a walk to the bottom of Quechee Gorge. Please bring binoculars!

12:00-12:10 Lunch Break

12:15-1:05 Climate Counts (fifth period) – Mark Harrison

Climate Counts is a collaborative effort to bring consumers and companies together in the fight against global climate change. We score the world's largest companies such as Nike and Gap on their climate impact to spur corporate climate responsibility and conscious consumption. Our goal is to motivate deeper awareness among consumers — that the issue of climate change demands their attention, and that they have the power to support companies that take climate change seriously and avoid those that don't.

1:10- 2:55 Afternoon Session (sixth and seventh periods)

1) Green Up Hanover (60 students)

Join Mr. Cochran, Mr. Baio, and Ms Kono in getting a head start on the town's annual Green Up Day. Community service hours will be granted.

2) Gardening with Ford Daley and Jeff Colt (14 students)

Ford and our very own HHS 2009 graduate Jeff Colt will lead a team of students to continue designing and developing the Outdoor Classroom and Gardens. Students will plant annuals, perennials, and vegetables.

3) Painting in Nature (16 students)

Local Artist, Rebecca Gottesman, will help you get in touch with your own powers of observation in nature and experience nature with your eyes as an artist. Try your hand at painting “plein air” or out on location. We will bring colored pencils and watercolors to record our experiences out in the woods.

4) Composting at Home (10 students)

HHS students Ari Porter and Amy Waters will be teaching you how to compost at home! We'll be building wooden composting boxes and adding the necessary ingredients. You'll learn how to take care of your compost in order to have a successful pile! Wear old clothes, close-toed shoes, and be prepared to get dirty!

5) Preparing dishes from locally grown food (15 students)

This workshop will focus on how the Co-op interacts with local farmers to get the best organic produce as well as how the organization works to educate the community about making the most out of seasonal and local ingredients in a healthy and delicious way. Presentations by the sustainability coordinator, the dietician, and the demo-coordinator at the Hanover branch will be featured, as well as an opportunity to sample a dish prepared using ingredients readily available at the Co-op.

6) Ecocrafts (15 students)

Join Katie Williamson and Molly Zegans to learn how to make fun and useful crafts out of things you would normally just throw away! You should bring an old T-Shirt, pair of jeans that don't fit, and an old bandanna. We will be making cool bags out of the jeans and T-shirts, and you'll also learn how to make cool reusable bags out of thin plastic bags!

