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CRRA Schedules Fun, Free Events in Hartford, Stratford Education Centers to Host Scout Days, Celebrate America Recycles Day

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's education centers in Hartford and Stratford will host a number of fun, free events in the next few weeks.

Events can include tours, informational programs, crafts and other activities all designed to teach participants about recycling and its importance to protecting our environment.

Details:

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – General Scout Day at the CRRA Children's Garbage Museum in Stratford: Cub Scouts will create a neckerchief slide and Brownies will decorate Trash-o-saurus pins utilizing re-used and recycled materials. Additionally, the day's events will include museum and recycling center tours, all contributing towards scout badge and Try-It programs.

Morning tours will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon tours are from noon to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required and programs are free. Scouts may purchase CRRA patches for \$2.50 each.

Saturday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 13 – America Recycles Day at the Children's Garbage Museum and the CRRA Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford: CRRA's education centers will celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 6 in Stratford and Nov. 13 in Hartford. These family events will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day's activities will include on-going museum and recycling center tours, crafts from re-used materials and continuous movies. Participants may complete recycling "promise" cards and build a one-of-a-kind city from "found" items.

Pre-registration is not required and the day's activities are free.

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America Recycles Day is a national event that encourages the public to recycle and purchase products made from recycled content. (<u>www.americarecylesday.org</u>)

Saturday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 – General Scout Days: CRRA's educatioin centers will hold General Scout Days on Jan. 8 and Jan. 15. Cub Scouts and Brownies may participate in museum and recycling center tours, make crafts from re-used materials and engage in activities that focus on re-use and recycling.

Morning activities begin at 10 and continue until 11 or 11:30 a.m. and afternoon events start at noon and finish at 1 or 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Activities may count towards badge and Try-It programs. Programs are free. Scouts may purchase CRRA patches for \$2.50 each.

For more information or directions, call the Children's Garbage Museum in Stratford at (203) 381-9571 or the Trash Museum in Hartford at (860) 247-4280. Or, on the Web, go to http://www.crra.org and click on "Education Centers." The Garbage Museum is located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, just off Lordship Boulevard, in Stratford.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children's Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit http://www.crra.org.

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