



*Western Upper Peninsula Center
for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education*

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Copper Country & Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School Districts and Michigan Technological University
Serving schools and communities in Houghton, Baraga, Gogebic, Ontonagon and Keweenaw Counties

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Looking for Earth Day Projects

Its time for youth groups and K-12 classes to begin planning projects for the ***Kids Make a Difference Earth Day 2005 Program***. School classes and youth groups are encouraged to design and implement an action project that will “make a difference” by addressing an environmental topic in their school or community.

Registration forms for the *Kids Make a Difference Earth Day 2005 Program* are available on the Center’s website: <http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/> or by contacting Joan Chadde at 906-487-3341 or email: jchadde@mtu.edu . **Project registration deadline is Friday, April 15, 2005.** Forms may be faxed to 906-487-1620 or mailed to the Center at 105 Dillman Hall, MTU, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931.

All participants will receive Earth Day Participation Award certificates in recognition of their efforts and their names will be entered into a drawing for an environmental education field trip. While the Center believes that community service can be very rewarding to students, they like to acknowledge students’ work by providing a \$300 field trip “reward” to one elementary class/group and one secondary class/group in both the Copper Country Intermediate School District and the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District. In past years, schools have used their field trip reward to go mountain-biking, on MTU’s research vessel the Agassiz, to visit the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, and to paddle a Voyageur canoe.

The Center has sponsored the ***Kids Make a Difference Earth Week Program*** since 2001. Each year, 400-1100 students from 10-27 different schools and youth groups in the western Upper Peninsula have participated. Students’ creative and diverse projects have included building bat and bird houses, spearheading school-wide recycling programs, designing and selling cloth grocery bags, constructing a water use educational display at school, leading schoolyard

cleanups, planting school gardens, stencilling water quality protection messages on storm drains throughout town, conducting stream cleanups, and many more environmental education, community service, and environmental improvement projects.

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