EARTH DAY
PROJECT IDEAS & RESOURCES

The Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Math & Environmental Education has many excellent resources for planning an Earth Day Project!

♦ For a list of activity guides, children's literature and equipment available to teachers for loan through our Resource Clearinghouse, visit our website: http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/education/manuals.html & http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/teachers_resources.html
♦ For information about projects that were done by schools during the past three years of the program, visit our website: http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/education/earthweek/index.html

Here are project ideas and web links to get your class or youth group thinking about what YOU can do:

♦ Plant a school or community garden that provides wildlife habitat, enhances human habitat, or provides food. http://www.nwf.org/schoolyardhabitats/creatinghabitatsites.cfm & http://www.kidsgardening.com/
♦ Organize an Its Cool to Carpool or Walk to School Day to address global warming.
♦ Organize a tree-planting project. http://www.earthday.net/goals/trees/treeplanting.stm
♦ Start a "Waste Free Lunch Program" http://www.wastefreelunches.org/
♦ Hold a recycling drive or set up an in-school recycling program: http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/ & http://www.resourcelfulschools.org
♦ Make a worm compost bin for your school cafeteria.
♦ Conduct a frog/toad calling or deformity survey. http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/education/frog.htm
♦ Conduct a forest, schoolyard, or stream clean-up.
♦ Conduct a storm drain stenciling project. http://www.earthwater-stencils.com/ (Center has stencils you can borrow.)
♦ Display gallon jugs of water equal to what is used for various household activities and/or to produce various goods.
♦ Broadcast an Earth Day message over the school PA system or your local TV or radio station.
♦ Decorate paper bags for a local grocery store with earth-friendly messages: http://www.earthdaybags.org/

Earth Day Websites
♦ Earth Day Network: http://www.earthday.net/default.asp
♦ Official Site of International Earth Day: http://www.earthsite.org/
♦ Wilderness Society Earth Day Page: http://earthday.wilderness.org/
♦ EnviroLink Earth Day Pages: http://earthday.envirolink.org/
♦ U.S. Department of Energy: www.eere.energy.gov/earthday
♦ Environmental Protection Agency : www.epa.gov/earthday
♦ National Institute of Health: www.nih.gov/od/ors/earthday
♦ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: http://www.noaa.gov/earthday/
♦ Department of Transportation: www.dot.gov-affairs/earth.htm

Resources for Environmental Education in Michigan
♦ Michigan Environmental Education: http://www.michiganenvironmentaled.org/
♦ Michigan Department of Environmental Quality: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307_3580---,00.html
♦ North American Association of Environmental Education: http://www.eelink.net/classroomresources-directories.html
♦ EPA Environmental Education Kids Club: http://epa.gov/kids/