



Environmental Education Program

Presentations for Middle Schools

Environmental Lessons Brought to You!

Thurston County educators are here to make environmental education easy. We use visual aids of various media, hands-on activities, games, and take-home materials to help students enjoy and retain what they've learned.

Battle to Ban the Bag

Grades 6 - 8, 60-90 minutes.

This unit introduces students to the controversies revolving around solid waste. By assuming different roles, students present and debate their viewpoints regarding a potential plastic bag ban in their community.

Marketing to Teens

Grades 6 - 8; 60 minutes.

Teenagers are important targets for advertisers since many of them have high disposable incomes. Many ads are targeted specifically at them and there are advertisements everywhere. This activity helps teenagers develop an awareness of marketing tactics aimed at teens through the creation of their own mock advertising campaigns. They will gain an understanding about how they, as consumers, are influenced by these commercial messages.

Bottled Water Taste Test

Grades 6 - 8; 60 minutes.

When people are thirsty, they often reach for a bottle of water instead of turning on the faucet. Why? Some consumers believe that bottled water is healthier and tastes better than tap water. But is this really true?

In this presentation, we will discuss reasons people choose bottled water. Students will decide if the price of bottled water is worth it when compared to the price of tap water. Your class will conduct a blind taste test to see if they can differentiate between several popular water brands and tap water.



Contact Colleen Minion to schedule a presentation for your classroom.

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