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Artisans and Crafters Needed for 4R Kids Exhibit

When it comes to preserving our beautiful landscape for generations to come, the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency (Agency) knows you're never too young to do your part. Recognizing that knowledge is key, the Agency strives to provide students and educators alike with the necessary information and tools to make waste wise decisions in the classroom and at home.

Recently, the Agency purchased a bus and is converting it into the 4Rs Kids Exhibit, a mobile waste awareness experience designed to serve Tehama County students as a 'field trip on wheels'. The bus is expected to be complete in the fall of 2014 and will travel to Tehama County schools, allowing students to access hands-on learning exhibits housed within the bus.

To complete this project, the Agency needs the help of local artisans and crafters to transform the bus into an inspiring and informative exhibit, showing students why it is important for every person to reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy. Some fun, hands-on exhibit ideas include:

- The Bag Monster - a costume comprised of the number of plastic bags consumed by one shopper in one year. Students would be able to step into the costume.
- The Seven Plastics- a matching game that challenges students to correctly identify the seven different types of recyclable plastics.
- The Landfill - a diagram showing students the different parts of a landfill and the typical items found in a landfill. The diagram would also allow students to identify recyclables found in the landfill that could otherwise be diverted.
- The Importance of Composting - a display showing students how to compost and the changes organic matter undergoes during the composting process.
- What's in the Trash? - an interactive display showing students the typical composition of a trashcan, broken down into types of recyclables, organic material and waste.
- The History of Trash - a look at litter and trash collection through time and across different cultures.
- Hazardous Products in the home – an interactive diagram showing students where hazardous products are found in the home and how to properly handle and dispose of them.
- Fluorescent Light Recycling – A hands-on exhibit that discusses mercury and the importance of recycling fluorescent lights.
- Battery Recycling – A hands-on exhibit showing students the importance of keeping batteries out of the trash and how to recycle batteries in Tehama County.

Have any more ideas or want to get involved? Please contact the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill at 528-1103 or send us an email (kmiller@co.tehama.ca.us) with your experience. Examples of previous craftsmanship/ exhibit design skills are required.