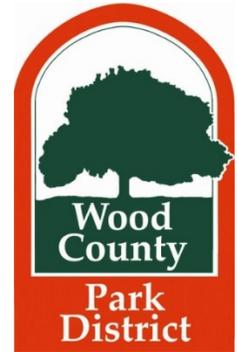


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DATE: March 17, 2021
FROM: Wood County Park District
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RE: Earth Day Upcycle Contests
ATTN: Newsroom

Earth Day Upcycle Contests

Create something new from something otherwise thrown away or recycled. Upcycle contests for both kids and adults will showcase the creativity and ingenuity of Wood County.

Leading the Upcycle Contests is the Carter Historic Farm, a living history farm focused on life in Wood County during the Great Depression. During the Great Depression, families utilized everything they had to help save money. They used tin cans as storage containers, turned cotton feed sacks into clothing, and would mend and repurpose items until it could no longer be used. Today, many people still repurpose items as a way to both save money and be more sustainable.

A great way to combine the DIY spirit of the Great Depression with the “go green” efforts of today are these two upcycle contests, one for kids (ages 5 to 12) and one for adults (ages 13 on up). Participants will take an item that would otherwise be thrown away and turn it into something new or updated. It can be a useful item, a fun item, or even a work of art. Participants will send us before and after photos of their project and the photos will be posted to the Carter Historic Farm Facebook page for voting. The three in each age group with the most likes will win an Earth Day 2021 t-shirt. Wood County Park District Earth Day shirts will be available for the public to purchase throughout April.

Celebrate the 51st annual Earth Day on Thursday, April 22 by doing something good for nature. Find ideas and incentives with the Go Green Passport which encourages at-home participation in go green action with upcycling, recycling, reusing, reducing, and visiting parks in order to earn a set of bamboo utensils.

Register for both contests by April 1, 2021. Photo deadline is April 15. Winners will be announced on Earth day, April 22nd. Visit wcparks.org to register for programs, find a Go Green Passport, order Earth Day shirts, and see what’s new in the Wood County Park District.