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OS Bear Prints

Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet

Welcome Back, Ursinus. Happy 2015!

**February 1,
2014**

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Who's ready for RECYCLEMANIA?

Ursinus College is excited to be participating in the national Recyclemania Tournament again this year.

Who: College students across the country; but we want Ursinus to win! So we need YOU!

What: Recyclemania is an 8-week tournament on college and university campuses across the United States and Canada that promotes the reduction of waste. Campuses are ranked based on waste reduction and recycling efforts.

When: February 1st- March 28th

Why: Waste reduction and recycling help conserve resources and prevent pollution.

You can:

-Separate recyclables from trash in Lower Wismer

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Sustainability Tips

Put it to sleep

If you'll be away from your computer for more than 20 minutes, change it to "sleep" mode.

Carpool and Consolidate

Take group trips to the grocery store on pharmacy and try to run errands back to back. You will not only save money, but have more time with freinds. For local errands, consider walking or biking!

EnviroNEWS

2014 was the hottest year on record, which is not something to be proud of. Temperatures hit an all time high, increasing by .07 degrees Fahrenheit. Oceans were also the warmest they have ever been.

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President Obama discussed climate change in his State of the Union Address, stating that we need to something to preserve our environment.

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- Place all food scraps and containers on the conveyor belt in Upper Wismer, so they can be composted
- Use personal blue recycling bins in residence halls to recycle your paper, plastics, glass, and other recyclable materials
- Encourage your friends to recycle
- Reduce the amount you use! Reduction is an important step!

Power Games are Back

It's on! Or maybe "Its Off!" would be more appropriate. Power Games 2015 will run from February 1st- 28th.

Who: Residents of New, North, Reimert, BWC, and BPS

What: An energy conservation competition, whichever building can reduce their energy use by the greatest percentage wins!

When: February 1st - 28th

Why: The winning building will receive a foosball table and will be helping to save resources and prevent pollution

What can you do?

- 1.) Unplug electronics not in use
- 2.) Turn off the lights in your room, common rooms, and bathrooms
- 3/) Keep windows closed in wintertime to conserve heat
- 4.) Remind fellow residents to do the same

Main Street Residents

Don't forget to continue to look at your Mock Energy Bills to see how your house is doing in terms of energy usages. Bills are distributed monthly!

Introducing the 2015 Farm Directors



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Tips for A Sustainable Valentine's Day:

- 1) Make cards out of recycled paper
- 2) Instead of flowers, choose potted plants or locally grown flowers if possible
- 3) Buy fair trade or organic chocolate
- 4) Make a homemade meal from locally or organically grown food. It's a great alternative to eating out. Bonus points for being able to cook!



Meet the 2015 Farm Directors! Alana Lorraine and Sydney Godbey. Alana is a first-year biology major, who works as a campus safety dispatcher and on UC EMS. Sydney is a first-year environmental studies and english major and french minor, who is involved with the UCEA outdoors club and The Lantern, is a tour guide, and plays field hockey.

Featured Fellow



Happy featured fellow friday! This week's outstanding fellow is Olivia Keithley, one of our media and communications fellows. She is a Politics and Peace & Social Justice double major. She loves hands on activities like harvesting honey, going out to the farm, and sharing all of the awesome pictures with the rest of campus. She also loves making the bulletin board every semester. Olivia's job is to work with our other communications fellow to publicize all of the sustainability events on social media and in the campus newsletter.

You can find Olivia all over campus being a Main St. Resident Advisor, President of Chapel, Tour Guide, Secretary of Feminists in Action, Chair of Student Diversity Council, Secretary of Class of 2016, or just doing some yoga. She also happens to know all of the words to "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Bon Jovi. Great job Olivia!



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