



RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

TIPS FOR INCREASING RECYCLING DONATIONS

Are you looking for ways to maximize your Account Group with VALCORE Recycling?

Misty Ismail, the Group President for North Bay Athletic Association, consistently turns in a high amount of recycling each quarter for her group.

NBAA sets up recycling containers for their gymnastic events. They also have them available all of the time in the snack shop area to reclaim as many of the recyclables as possible. She commented their customers are usually pretty good about recycling as long as they have a place to put it. Some parents actually bring their recycling to the games knowing that there will be a recycling container available.

She also announces their recycling program at their parent group meetings reminding everyone to bring in their recyclables.

This works very well for my Account Group, Boy Scout Troop 62, as well.

For us, the key is to send a reminder before the meeting to bring their recycling to the meeting. We also have a designated person assigned to be the "Recycler". To help the Recycler out, instruct the group to remove all lids and to presort by aluminum and the seven different types of plastic containers. Green, clear and brown glass has to be separated as well. VALCORE only pays for drink containers that has CA CRV on the label or container.

Even though you may have weekly or monthly meetings, we all don't have snack bars available to help supplement our recycling efforts. Misty suggested contacting places of business that have break rooms and vending machines if no one is already capturing their recycling. Possibilities include a union hall for instance or a local small business. VALCORE Recycling has various size containers available for short term event use that you can

check out.

For long term use, you'll need to look into getting your own.

Check out your local home improvement store for various styles of containers. If you want to be even more green, make your own using reclaimed wood, metal, or unusual materials such as the picture below. A small upfront investment can be turned into big profits.

I look forward to hearing more suggestions that you've found useful that could help out another group increase their donations.



A homemade recycling bin made out of a metal frame and plastic water bottles.



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- ☺ Flyway Festival—February 10-12, 2012
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Get Paid for Ink and Toner Cartridges

In the past, VALCORE Recycling has been a collection site for ink and toner cartridges.

A new and exciting development is that we will now be paying Account Groups \$.25 for each ink and toner cartridges brought in for their groups.

It's very easy to get paid! Bring the cartridges to one of the VALCORE Weighmasters and inform them which group it will be credited towards.

Spread the word amongst your group's members. Be sure to have them tell their family and friends.

This offer is only available to Account Groups and does not affect the general public.

However, we will be creating signage showing all of our current Account Groups in the event someone brings in a cartridge without a specific group in mind.

Payment to the groups will be made with the quarterly recycling reimbursements. As always, VALCORE doesn't charge any processing fees for handling the donations.

For more information, call 707-645-8258 or come by the yard.



Interesting Aluminum Recycling Facts from the Web

Aluminum cans are the worlds premiere example of recyclable waste.

Below are a number of aluminum recycling facts:

- Over 80,000,000,000 aluminum cans are used every year.
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days.
- Approximately 350,000 aluminum cans are made in a minute.
- Every minute an average of 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled.
- Two-thirds of the aluminum ever produced is in use today. Aluminum never wears out. It can be recycled forever.
- The energy you save by recycling a single aluminum can will run a TV for three hours.
- Last year 54 billion cans were recycled saving energy equivalent to 15 million barrels of America's

entire gas consumption for one day.

- In 1972, it took about 22 empty aluminum cans to weigh one pound. Due to advanced technology to use less material and increase



durability of aluminum cans, in 2002 it takes about 34 cans to weigh one pound.

- It takes about 400 years for aluminum to break down naturally. A can today will probably look about the same in another century or

two.

- If Californians recycled all the aluminum cans they buy in one day, we would have enough aluminum to make 17 Boeing 727 jets.
- All aluminum cans recycled since 1972 would stretch from New to Los Angeles and back 15,939 times.
- Over the past 10 years, the number of aluminum cans recycled has doubled.

Earth Day 2012

Vallejo's Earth Day will be Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Vallejo Farmer's Market on Marin Street between Virginia and Georgia Street.

Look for more information in the near future as it becomes available. Meanwhile, mark it on your calendar.

2012 Confidential Paper Shredding Events

VALCORE Recycling holds their Confidential Paper Shredding Event the third Saturday of every month continuing through 2012.

For \$10, we'll shred up to three standard size file boxes that contain private documents, confidential papers, tax returns, etc. There is a maximum of 100 pounds.

Please remove all plastic bags and wrappers along with binder clips. Paper clips and rubber bands may be left on. Three ring binders are not accepted.

The truck will be onsite, which means that you can watch your paper

get shredded. There is a video screen that shows the shredding being done in real time.

We only accept cash and checks made out to VALCORE Recycling. No credit cards are accepted.

The event is sponsored by Derek Crutchfield, the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Vallejo.



UPCOMING DATES:

February 18th

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th

San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival

The 16th Annual Flyway Festival will be held February 10-12, 2012 on Mare Island at 500 Connolly Street at Building 223

This is a free festival celebrating the importance of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl in the Vallejo Area with activities aimed to both entertain and educate attendees.

Join up on guided bird watching

outings, hikes and tours to discover some of the best wetlands, wildlands, open spaces and historic sites in the Bay Area. The Wildlife Exploration and Birding Expo headquartered on Mare Island returns with exhibits, live bird visits, educational presentations, art and optic vendors, a silent auction and a fabulous art show.

This year, as in the past, VAL-

CORE Recycling will be monitoring the event's garbage and recycling.

For more information about the Flyway Festival, check out their website at sfbayflywayfestival.com or contact Myrna Hayes at (707) 557-9816.

Don't miss an issue, send an email to asortedaffair@VALCORErecycling.org TO BE ADDED TO OUR E-LIST

Articles of Recycling Information—Read A Sorted Affair

Our very own Jane Bogner, Vice President of VALCORE Recycling writes a biweekly recycling article published on Sunday in the Vallejo Times Herald called "A Sorted Affair".

If you haven't had a chance to catch one of her articles, you can get caught up by reading all of the ar-

chived versions.

Go to our website, valcorerecycling.org and click on the A Sorted Affair link. This will bring you to all of her past articles going as far back as 2003.

She offers many helpful tips on recycling, composting, and other subjects to help get you in the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle mindset.

"What continues to be missing is producer responsibility. I believe that if a product is not easily recycled, then it should not be sold."

Quote by Jane Bogner, A Sorted Affair—August 10, 2008

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"Vallejo's Nonprofit Recycling Center"



Hours of Operation: Open Monday through Saturday

DONATIONS: 9 am-1 pm / 2 pm-4:30 pm
BUYBACK: 10 am-1 pm / 2 pm-4:30 pm

Vallejo Community Organizations Recycling (VALCORE), Inc is a coalition of local organizations working together to provide fund-raising opportunities for our non-profit groups while providing a recycling service to our community. We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.

The mission of VALCORE Recycling is to promote recycling, composting and reuse opportunities in our community. This is accomplished at our recycling center and through public education programs including a biweekly newspaper column called "A Sorted Affair".

VALCORE's member groups and employees work at the recycling center, help with school tours or composting classes and attend local events. Two sheltered workshops use VALCORE as a training site for their developmentally disabled adults.

The VALCORE ReUse Barn

Before you know it, Spring cleaning will be upon us. Instead of throwing out all of those old craft projects, books, and office supplies, bring them down to the ReUse Barn at VALCORE Recycling.

We'll accept such things as 3 ring binders, file folders, envelopes, displays, maps, buttons, art supplies and old bric-a-brac that YOU think is trash. As the saying goes, "One person's trash is another person's treasure".

Everything that is put in the barn is free to anyone and everyone. The purpose of the ReUse Barn is not only to accept gently used items for reuse, but also to give school teachers a place to get their supplies, whether it be art or office, all for FREE!



The VALCORE ReUse Barn

Got an Event in April, May or June 2012 that you would like to advertise for Free in the next Quarter's Edition?

Submit them to Mark Nichols at mark.nichols@valcorerecycling.org no later than March 1, 2012.