

Recycle Challenge Contest--**Bash the Trash!**

Is your school up for the Recycling Challenge? We hope so! This 2009-2010 school year, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park is offering the **Bash the Trash** recycling contest. If you are eating lunch at the park after an educational program, we will challenge you to reduce your lunch waste. All schools that eat their lunch here can enter the contest.

Here at the park we recycle just about everything. From food scraps to cement, from old lumber to office paper, it all goes to the right place to reduce our carbon footprint. We invite you to join the effort and take the Recycle Challenge.

Here is how it works. We give a short informational talk before your school eats lunch at the park. We put out recycling bins, a compost bucket, a bucket for liquids, and a garbage container.

At the end of lunch, we will weigh your school's trash. The school with the least amount of garbage will win a special prize, like a cool compost bin. To make it fair, we will record the pounds of trash and the number of adults and students and then divide the waste by the number of people to get the overall average.

You can make a difference by encouraging your students to carry their food in lunch boxes instead of paper bags, putting food in recyclable containers, and eating food with less packaging.

The next time your school comes for an educational program and eats lunch here, be ready for the Recycle Challenge and **Bash the Trash!**

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Did you know that cities and schools across America are starting zero-waste campaigns? They are reducing their waste by reusing, recycling and composting more. The island of Nantucket recycles and composts 92% of their waste stream. San Francisco has the highest recycling rate of any city at 72%. Recycling reduces pollution, green house gases, and conserves energy. It also makes you feel good because you are helping the earth.