

Sustainability Days

Wartburg's 2012 Sustainability Days, held at the beginning of October, allowed students to actively participate in sustainability at Wartburg. The first day included a sustainability chapel message, Be Green Fair, sustainability forum, and a kayak demo from Crawdaddy Outdoors.

During the Be Green Fair student organizations on campus talked about how to reduce your carbon footprint. These organizations included: EARTH, RAVE, the Sustainability Service Suite, and Students for Peace and Justice.

The sustainability forum included small group discussion on topics such as curriculum, dining, facilities, waste,

and natural resource. This gave faculty, staff, and students the chance to share how they think Wartburg can be more sustainable. EESI is currently reviewing the feedback that was received.

On the second day of the Sustainability Days another sustainability forum was held and Crawdaddy Outdoors was back for another kayak demo. Also, Bike Tech came to give Wartburg student's bikes a tune up.

There was also an e-waste collection going on during both days. Small electronic waste was collected including: MP3s, phones, cassettes, disks, film, batteries, etc.



REUSE(D)

Each year, unwanted office supplies are donated to local thrift stores, recycled, or thrown away. REUSE(D) is the Sustainability Office's effort to keep gently used office supplies in the Wartburg Community. The room is open to students, faculty, and staff. Wartburg community members can pick up supplies free of charge.



What We Collect:

The below list is not comprehensive, just ideas. If you have items that are not listed we encourage you to bring them to the Sustainability Office. If we think the item has the potential to be reused we will shelf it. If not, the Sustainability Office will make sure that it is recycled, donated to a local thrift store, or disposed in a manner that will have minimal effect on our environment.

- Binders
- Notebooks/ Paper
- Folders
- Staplers and Tape Dispensers
- Scissors
- Three Hole Punchers
- Staples and Tape
- Pens and Pencils
- Envelopes
- Office Organizers
- Markers, Crayons and Colored Pencils
- Paper Clips, Rubber Bands and Pins

Better World Books

When you're selling back your textbooks at the end of the semester, don't bypass the big, green, cardboard bins in the bookstore!

To get the most of the resources we consume the sustainability office is offering the book collection as a way to prevent the books from being thrown away. Reuse is always better than recycle. By dropping them into the Better World Books bin and you'll be supporting a great non-profit literacy program. Your book donation will help support literacy projects, such as building schools and libraries in communities around the world that are in

desperate need of literacy resources!

We appreciate your donation! Collection bins are located in the bookstore. You have an eco-friendly outlet for your unwanted books and you help our campus and help worldwide literacy at the same time.

For more information email sustainability@wartburg.edu.



SUSTAINABILITY SUITE

On the Saturday of Homecoming this year, the sustainability suite from the Res recycled and headed up the "Game Day Challenge" program. This was a competition between colleges around the country to see who could recycle the largest amount of recyclable items. Recycling was collected from the Renaissance Faire before the game, during the game, and at Oktoberfest after the game. In all we collected 128.62 pounds of plastic, cans, and glass.



There are several other "green" projects planned for the year. One in particular is a seed handout and planting on Earth Day in the month of April. Seeds donations with allow the sustainability suite to hand out packets of seeds to students on campus to be planted in pots in dorms, at their home, or wherever they like. The sustainability suite hope each one of their projects gets people thinking about ways to live a more sustainable life.

EARTH

Substantial growth in EARTH membership has allowed the club to expand its reach. Meetings this year have included a 'hot topic' educational component which is presented on by a different member each week.

The EARTH booth during Homecoming was very successful in selling hand-crafted bowls made from up-cycled KWAR vinyl records. Participation in Cans for a Cause during the month of September was

also helpful in fundraising.

Future events for Fall Term included t-shirt decorating, Campus Clean Ups, and celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15th with a showing of No Impact Man at 7 pm in SC102.



Interested in volunteering with the Wartburg Garden? Email sustainability@wartburg.edu for more information!

10 Ways to Go Green this Holiday Season

1. BYOB(ag) and Skip the Fluff
2. Stop the Junk Mail Before it Starts
3. Choose Recyclable and Recycled Holiday Cards
4. Re-Charge it!
5. Wrap it and Pack it Eco-Style
6. Try an alternative to Cut Trees
7. Throw a Waste-Free Party
8. Go for Eco-Deco
9. Plan for Green Dining
10. Use LED Christmas Lights

For more information visit:

www.ecocycle.org/holidayguide#numbers

Be Green Certification by the numbers



- 76 have started!
- 27 are Bronze Certified!
- 7 are Silver Certified!
- 5 are Gold Certified!
- 2 are Platinum Certified!

To get started, visit www.wartburg.edu/sustainability



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AASHE

Sustainability Coordinator Anne Duncan had the opportunity to bring three students with her to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference in October. The conference, held in Los Angeles, was a great opportunity for the four of them to learn new ways to implement sustainability on campus.

Emily Layton: I got the opportunity to talk to students from all over the United States about what they were doing at their schools. This conference gave us the chance to ask questions about problems we are having and to help others with their sustainability problems. I learned new ways to teach students to be sustainable and new ways to show them how sustainable habits are already being used on campus. Through this I have decided to start an edible garden in front of Old Main. Students will be able to walk by and eat anything out of this garden. We are hoping this will help students learn about the Wartburg Garden that is already in place and encourage students to come help in the garden.

Sarah Kielly: The AASHE conference was a great way for me to see what other schools were doing to successfully promote sustainability on their campuses. An important aspect I got out of the Student Summit was networking is key. For example, it is beneficial for clubs and organizations with the same idea to work together to complete a bigger goal. Also, networking is important to raise awareness about sustainability. If professors and faculty are informed on issues they can pass the word or knowledge on to the students. A goal I have is to increase networking on Wartburg's campus to spread the knowledge that being sustainable is important for humanity and earth's future.

Mauricio Leon: The AASHE conference was a great opportunity to understand better the growing field of sustainability and to get a better idea of my vocation. I had the chance to listen to many sessions on a great variety of topics. From small actions that can have a big impact on the long term, to what are the last innovations on sustainable long term management of college campuses. The conference was very complete, because it included the criteria of professional and well-known figures in sustainability, as well as students, faculties and workers. I encourage students to participate on future conferences of this kind as a way to get motivation, understand the challenges and get practical advises to make the Wartburg College campus more sustainable.

Internship Opportunity for Winter

Internships are also available with the sustainability department. Past interns came from sciences, mathematics, and communications, but it is not limited there. Current interns include waste management and grant writing.

AASHE Resources

Anyone with a Wartburg email can access AASHE resources.

www.aashe.org/resources

Sustainability Event Guide

Planning an event on campus? Use the sustainability event guide. The point of this guide is to assist organizations and groups at Wartburg in planning events with a "sustainability conscience."

Before the Event

- Green Your Vision
- Green Your Shopping List
- Green Your Vendor List
- Green Your Food Options
- Be Creative
- Use Networks and Connections, Not Paper

During the Event

- Energizing the Event
- Educate Staff, Vendors, and Guests About What You're Doing and Why
- Transportation for Guests

After the Event

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Share Your Successes

