

High Desert Power Project presents.....

Essay Contest



“REUSE IT!”

How often have you thrown something away just because you're done with it? Everyday we all use things that can be reused. Maybe we drink soda or bottled water, or drink juice or milk. What happens to the containers when we're done? We all outgrow shoes and clothes sometimes. Do we just throw them away when this happens? Car tires go flat and fall apart but we don't need to get rid of them— did you know they can be used to make soft ground cover for playgrounds? Reusing items is one of the best ways to stop waste and save energy, plus there are tons of opportunities to put it into practice every day.

In 500 words or less, can you tell us three different ways YOU reuse things more than once?

www.lessismore.org/materials/30-reuse-tips

www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics



There are five Prize categories:

Kindergarten: Can draw a picture with 2-3 sentences about the concept.

Elementary School (grades 1-2)



Middle School (grades 6-8)

Elementary School (grades 3-5)

High School (grades 9-12)



First, second, and third place winners will be awarded gift cards in each category. First place winners will receive \$50, second place \$25, and third place will receive \$15. Kindergarten winners only will receive a \$10 award for all places instead of the above prizes.

Contest Criteria

• Essays should be no more than 500 words in length. **EACH ESSAY MUST CONTAIN THE AUTHOR'S GRADE, SCHOOL AND HOME PHONE NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERED.**



• **Deadline for submission is 5:00 PM February 11, 2016.**

• Submissions may be mailed or delivered to:

MEEC
14306 Park Ave, Victorville, CA 92392
Entries may also be faxed to (760) 241-6271



• Winners will be notified by phone and invited to attend the award presentation at **5:00 PM on March 10, 2016** at High Desert Power Project, located at **19000 Perimeter Dr., Victorville**

• For further information, please call Samantha Murray, at: (760) 245-1661 ext. 6717

• **All submissions become the property of MEEC and High Desert Power Project.**

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