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CRRA to mark America Recycles Day in Hartford, Stratford

Popular museums to offer raffles, tours, activities – all at no charge

Connecticut residents interested in the environment and looking for a fun no-cost way to spend a Saturday will find what they're looking for on Nov. 15 when the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's two education centers join in the national celebration of America Recycles Day.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., both the CRRA Visitors Center Trash Museum in Hartford and the Garbage Museum in Stratford will offer exhibits, tours and activities that will show how recycling can help protect the environment. At both facilities, visitors will be able to enjoy doing make-and-take crafts projects using discards and reusables. All these America Recycles Day activities at the CRRA educational centers are free of charge.

As part of the national America Recycles Day, everyone who attends ARD events anywhere in the United States can register for a raffle to be held in December. Prizes will include:

- The **grand prize for adults** will be a 2004 Ford Focus PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle), a car that meets the strictest emissions requirements and earns the highest rating from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Vehicle Guide. The car, which is partially constructed with recycled content components, would have to be driven 6,700 miles to produce the same tailpipe emissions as a 5.4-horsepower lawnmower produces in one hour.
- The **grand prizes for youths** will be five Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycles. The Alcan Aluminum Corporation, a leader in aluminum recycling, is the sponsor for the aluminum bicycle awards.
- The **first prizes for adults** will be two "Recycle Yourself Weekend" spa vacation packages. Each winner will receive certificates for a weekend getaway for two, including dinner, lodging, a spa treatment and transportation.

Entries must be submitted by Nov. 15, 2003. Complete rules for the raffle are available at America Recycles Day's Web site, <http://americarecyclesday.org>.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs educational programs through its Visitors Center in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.