



2016 Rain and Garden Show

Intermediate/Middle School Poem Contest

The City of Westlake and the Westlake Watershed Group will be hosting our Fifth Annual Rain & Garden Show on **Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.** at the Westlake Recreation Center, which is open to the public. To find out more information about this Show please visit our website at <http://www.cityofwestlake.org/departments/engineering.aspx#raingarden>

We are asking for **4th– 8th Grade Students** to participate in our poetry contest which will be judged by the public at the 2016 Rain and Garden Show. The winners of each group will receive **Sky Zone Passes!!**

1st Place: 4 passes for 2 hours of jump time, an extra large one topping pizza, and a pitcher of soda pop.

2nd Place: 1 pass of 1 hour jump time

3rd Place: 1 pass of 1/2 hour jump time

Rules of the Contest:

- 1.) Read the information below, and use your knowledge of being green to create a poem, on the back side of this paper, about "Going Green." Your poem should be free verse and have no more than 30 lines. In order for your poem to qualify the content of the poem must not be vulgar or offensive, does not employ profanity, and is your original, individual work .
- 2.) Write your first and last name, grade and school in the space provided below.
- 3.) Submit the poem to Westlake City Hall Department of Engineering, by **Tuesday, March 22, 2016.**
- 4.) Have fun and be creative!

Going Green

Going green is taking care of the planet and all of the plants and animals, just like they take care of us. It's making sure we do not harm anyone or anything through our decisions and day to day life here on earth. We can all help our planet stay healthy through "Green Living". Green living involves taking steps to minimize the damage humans are doing to our planet, to make choices that will help preserve the earth and its non-renewable resources instead of destroying them. Endangered animals, deforestation, and growing landfills are having a adverse effect on planet earth, and if we don't work on improving our impact to the environment the planet will be a very unpleasant place to live one day.

There are countless ways to help protect the environment. If we all work together, we can transform the whole planet into a happy and healthy place to live. By eating natural, organic locally produced foods or even growing your own, we can help limit the use of dangerous pesticides and eat healthier meals. Bring a reusable lunch bag to pack your lunch, if you live close to school walk or ride your bike. Truly, turn off your electronics which means unplugging them, or plug them into a UL-Certified power strip and flip the switch to off when they are not needed. Did you know, when you run the water while brushing your teeth for the recommend two minutes, you waste up to five gallons of water a day?

These are just a few ways to "Go Green." Please feel free to look up more information on the subject or use how you and your family "Go Green", to create your poem.



Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

