



# Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc.

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## Recycling Coalition honors Roane County students

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia has announced the first three of five statewide, age-category winners in its annual West Virginia Recycles Youth Contest. Hundreds of entries in the five age groups were submitted from across the state.

David Ashman and Dave Carper, 11-year-old members of the Geary Elementary/Middle School 4-H Cloverbuds from Newton, Roane County, are the co-winners in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade age group of the **Freedom Contest**. The Coalition's Freedom Contest encourages students to express themselves by creating a painting or drawing, writing a poem, composing or recording a song, producing a video, writing an essay, sculpting something, or completing any project based on a recycling theme.

Ashman and Carper worked together to study the dragonfly before making a dragonfly sculpture out of an old table leg spindle, door knob, hangers and repainted ceiling fan blades.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade age category winner in the Freedom Contest is a team of three: Gweneth Ashman, Kennedy Romine (both 13) and Cassidy Roush, 14, of Girl Scout Troop 4988 out of Roane County. The girls made a sculpture using a 2-liter pop bottle, shoestrings, twist ties, a glass pop bottle, coffee filters, clothes pins, beads, a balloon and cotton reused from a pill bottle. The sculpture shows the four stages of life of a butterfly. They will split a \$75 prize for their winning entry.

The 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade age category winner in the Freedom Contest was another group from Girl Scout Troop 4988: Anna Carte, Destiny Smith (both age 15) and Kyannia King, 16. The girls embellished some wood with solo cups, coffee filters, colored paper and pencils to make a sculpture depicting a festive deer.

All winners will be recognized by Catherine Flashman, recycling coordinator from the Roane County Solid Waste Authority, and Paul Hayes, Recycling Coalition chair, at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 at Geary School in Newton. While each category carries a \$75 prize for the winning entry, a companion prize of \$100 will be presented to the winners' 4-H club and Girl Scout troop. A photo of the winning entries can be seen on the Coalition website (WVRecycles.com) following the presentation.

The goals of the Coalition's Youth Contest are to encourage students to use their creativity and learn about recycling. The West Virginia Recycles campaign features the theme, "It All Comes Back to You." The slogan presents multiple messages: a recycled product or material can return to consumers as another product; recycling comes back to consumers as an improved environment; and it is everyone's responsibility to recycle.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals through the promotion of purchasing products made with recycled content material; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; and by fostering communications among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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