



# Herb Reisman Environmental Education Center

Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

At the Center, students imagine themselves as environmental researchers from a planet named Argon. Over the years, the people on planet Argon failed to develop a plan for managing their waste. This has resulted in a planet-wide garbage epidemic. In order to solve the pollution problem before existence becomes impossible, students will board a spaceship destined for planet Earth to discover the earthling's solutions to effective waste management. Students will study environmental responsibility by learning about waste reduction, reusing, recycling, composting, energy conservation, and alternatives to using toxic products. The program's purpose is to empower children and their families to develop sustainable lifestyle practices in their own lives and then inspire others to do the same.

**Weekday tours available for Rockland County schools in grades 2-12  
For more information, please contact Jen Sheridan at (845) 753-2200 x34**

The three-part tour begins with an interactive dialogue between students and the tour guide to determine the environmental challenges facing today's society. Students will learn about environmental responsibility and determine effective solutions to our waste problems.



Students will have an opportunity to view Rockland's Recycling Facility in operation through closed circuit cameras and a large viewing window. Students will have an opportunity to see where their recyclables are delivered and how they are sorted in preparation for recycling.

In the center's Star Lab, students will further explore environmental issues and their solutions through various interactive exhibits. Each exhibit focuses on a different area of the environment, showing the positive effects of waste reduction, benefits of recycling, responsible decision making, decreasing energy consumption, and backyard composting.



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