



## Eastside Café Recycling Challenge Team Leaders Meeting

Art City Austin is committed to reducing, reusing and recycling wherever possible to keep the environmental impact of our art festival to a bare minimum and to help keep Austin beautiful. Your non-profit group will collect recyclable materials and man watering stations for a chance to win the \$1000 top prize for the team that collects the most recycled material.

### Contest Rules and Procedures:

- 1)** Your non-profit team will be competing for a chance to win a \$1000 cash prize (Second prize \$500, Third prize \$300, Forth prize \$200) by collecting the highest volume of uncontaminated recyclable materials. To do this, each team will man 3 “fixed” recycling/water stations and 1 “roving” station.
- 2)** The Eastside Café Recycling Challenge at Art City Austin will be a great opportunity to bring attention to your non-profit group while also doing something great for the environment. We encourage you to bring collateral material for your non-profit that can be placed at each of your 3 recycling/water stations. (Because we may experience windy conditions, please also bring some sort of weights to make sure that your materials don’t blow away.)
- 3)** Volunteer Check-In is at the South entrance of Art City Austin at the South First Street Bridge. Free Parking is available at One Texas Center, but please note: The free shuttle to Art City Austin will not take your volunteers to the correct entrance. Please let them know that they will need to *walk* to Volunteer Check-In! Volunteers should gather at their designated starting times for a brief meeting before their shifts begins.
- 4)** All participants will be given a “Rabid Recycler” t-shirt to be worn throughout the festival to make them easily identifiable as members of a recycling team. T-shirts will be handed out at the meeting at Volunteer Check-In immediately prior to each volunteer shift.
- 5)** In order to dramatically reduce the amount of plastic generated by the festival, we will sell “stadium cups” which can be refilled free of charge at each of our watering/recycling stations. (Bottled water will be available but its sale will not encouraged.) Your volunteers will monitor ice water Igloos to make sure that water is not contaminated and that Igloos are refilled as needed. Your volunteers will also ensure that *water bottles are not refilled* and that the rims of stadium cups do not touch water spigots. Both are health department nos.

- 6) Proper recycling procedures: Plastic plates, forks and knives should be wiped clean of food and liquids before being placed in recycling bins. Soda cans, wine, margarita, and stadium cups, should be emptied into compost buckets before being placed in recycling containers. All food and liquids, along with soiled napkins and used paper cups should be placed in compost buckets, formerly known as “trash cans!” During the festival, Recycling Challenge team members will instruct festival-goers on proper sorting of garbage from recyclables. Cardboard boxes collected for recycling will be broken down flat and stacked. A stack (equivalent in height to the recycling collection bin) will be counted as 1 barrel of recyclables for recycling contest purposes.
- 7) Recyclables can be collected throughout festival grounds in any way actively or passively that does not include the taking of recyclable materials from a competing team or the purposeful wasting of consumables in order to create recyclable materials.
- 8) Art City Austin Green Team Judges will circulate throughout the festival on golf carts, collecting uncontaminated bins full of recycled materials which will be added to each team’s collection total. (Bins of recyclables which have been contaminated by food or beverage are not recyclable and will not be counted toward team totals.) Judges will also drop off full ice water Igloos and remove empties as needed.
- 9) Team leaders should make regular visits to recycling/water stations to make sure that team members needing a break are accommodated and to offer suggestions for collection techniques and opportunities to find new sources of recyclable materials (the Kids Art Area, music stages, beverage booths, Collectors Lounge, and hospitality tents, etc. are all fair game). An enthusiastic and creative team will be a winning team!
- 10) The contents of roving carts should be emptied into recycling bins for tallying.
- 11) Eastside Café Recycling Challenge contest winners will be announced to the public on the main music stage of Art City Austin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday the 26th. Cash awards will be given to participating teams at 6:00 p.m., at the conclusion of the contest. *In order to be eligible to collect cash prizes, each team must continue to collect recyclable materials until the conclusion of the festival at 6:00 p.m.*
- 12) In order that no team has a geographical advantage over another, all teams will be assigned fixed recycling stations Saturday morning. Sunday morning, all teams will be reassigned to new station locations for the entire day.
- 13) Adults supervising minors agree not to drink alcoholic beverages during Art City Austin while on Art City grounds.
- 14) A volunteer waiver for each child participating must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Each adult volunteer must sign a volunteer waiver. Adults supervising minors are responsible for those minor’s whereabouts at all time.

**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at Art City Austin**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th!!**