



The average American discards 7.5 pounds of garbage every day. Without recycling, we add unneeded pressure to our environment -- from our forests, to our deserts and to our oceans, by extracting more and more resources. These environmental issues are discussed by adults yet nearly ignored in our school systems.

Enter the Student Creative Recycle Art Program (S.C.R.A.P. Gallery). S.C.R.A.P. Gallery's unique approach to help solve environmental problems teaches children to be creative in their personal recycling habits and take care of the planet.

S.C.R.A.P. Gallery addresses two of today's most urgent issues - the environment and the education of our youth. We work with youth from all over Southern California to promote conservation and reuse by teaching them to creatively practice the Four R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Responsibility.

Landfills are the modern world's answer to disposing trash - resources that can be reused and/or recycled and waste that can be harmful to our environment. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States has approximately 3,091 landfills with the majority having a 10-year plus capacity. So what

happens after that? At the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery, it is our goal to not only teach children, but involve them as active participants and citizens of the world in taking care of the environment.

The S.C.R.A.P. Gallery has been working with students in all grades to address complex environmental issues by demonstrating the need and practice of recycling. In our efforts to continually improve the field trip experience, there is a continual development of special projects, new exhibitions and outreach services that achieve student involvement in recycling/art issues

and communicates with the general public the need for ongoing environmental awareness and practices. In 2003, we received the Award of Achievement in Education from the Natural Resources Council of America.

Annually the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery has approximately 279,967 students and visitors, diverting more than 75,000 pounds of trash from California landfill. Recycling is the core of providing for a healthy, stable planet. Recycling is one of the easiest ways you can help slow climate change and global warming. By viewing creative works from recycled trash, the general public is struck by the possibilities of a second life the items they have placed in the trash could have.

