

# APPENDIX H

## More Great Cleanup Ideas

### Go Green!

The CA Coastal Commission is continuing to push a “BYOB - Bring Your Own Bag” campaign this year to help reduce the number of plastic bags that are made specifically for Cleanup Day (right now they produce 78,000 per year!). Here are some ideas to help with this:

- Be sure to have your Site Captains keep track of the number of people at each site who bring something reusable to the cleanup - this includes a water bottle, their own gloves, buckets, and trash bags. This info is recorded on your compilation form and it will go back to the SNC & CCC.
- Buckets are the best and most eco-friendly receptacle for collecting trash (this info will need to be communicated to volunteers when they are told what to bring)
- Use 5-gal. buckets and have central dump stations at each Cleanup site
- Many communities have Public Works departments that have tons of buckets, ask to borrow them for the day
- Ask for bucket donations from restaurants
- Get burlap sacks donated from local coffee shops or grocery stores, they can be washed and reused the next year
- Encourage volunteers to get into teams and share a trash bag
- Encourage volunteers to bring their own gloves - work and garden gloves are not only reusable, but they are safer and sturdier when picking up trash.
- Have people in the community donate old gardening gloves that can be used on Cleanup day
- Encourage volunteers to take only 1 glove per person to reduce the number of gloves that are thrown away

But also make your entire event as green as possible - be a **model event** for your community:

- Use compostable or real servingware - or ask that volunteers bring their own servingware
- Serve local, organic food - get donations from local farms
- Eliminate plastic water bottles and encourage volunteers to bring aluminum water bottles (and supply water coolers at event)
- Offer recycling & compost stations at event - have clear signs to remind people where their waste goes/what bins to use
- Encourage carpooling/cycling/walking/mass transit
- Save paper, use recycled or compostable products
- If you have any vendors at the Cleanup, ask them to respect your green practices
- Invite your local recycling department to speak
- Make sure volunteers understand to separate all trash & recyclables when cleaning river

## *Other Ideas to Consider*

- If you are an AmeriCorps Site Coordinator, include Cleanup manual and plans in your Legacy Binder
- Can you make the Cleanup a year round event? Educate and build stewardship year round. Pack it in/pack out, stewardship volunteers throughout summer teaching river users, etc. Volunteers hand out trash/recycling bags to recreators. PR plan throughout the summer/year to educate and minimize trash.
- Post your Cleanup to the Sierra Nevada NG Geotourism site. This may help you get more volunteers. <http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/participate.php> (See separate sheet on how to post to this site).
- Consider endorsing the CA Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Info, which is linked to GSRC concept. The site is located at [http://www.calroundtable.org/Copy\\_of\\_cobor.htm](http://www.calroundtable.org/Copy_of_cobor.htm)