



## WATTS GOING DOWN

### TARKINGTON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE STUDENTS TO HOST COMMUNITY GREEN NIGHT WITH FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS

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Over 40 students at Tarkington School of Excellence in Chicago worked to sell a total of 646 energy efficient products through the Lights for Learning fundraiser. Students also participated in a Lights for Learning presentation in September when several

students were able to 'take on' the energy bike in an attempt to illuminate both the incandescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The students at Tarkington have pledged to host a

mission statement explains the students' passion for energy efficiency and conservation: 'students are intrinsically motivated to positively change our world and become a catalyst for social and environmental change'

community green night with their fundraiser proceeds. They will also purchase reusable lunchroom trays in an effort to eliminate needless waste.

An excerpt from the Tarkington School



### 5 Ways to Stay Green During the Holidays

1. Buy recycled or organic items. Purchase organic clothing or other items with recycled content. These can be remarkably soft and are good for the environment.

2. Buy used items. Toys and other items, are in most cases, just as good as new.

3. Make the gifts yourself.

Organic fudge, granola and cookies are favorites for children of all ages.

4. Decorate with natural elements. Gather pine cones, fir branches, and natural berries to decorate tabletops and mantles. Make bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter, and bird seed to hang near windows.

5. Donate unwanted or unused items. Local charities such as Salvation Army, churches, and other organizations will be happy to take the items and put them to good use.

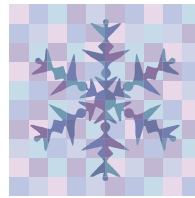
Going green shouldn't stop for the holidays-in fact, making the holiday season environmentally friendly can be easy, fun and festive!

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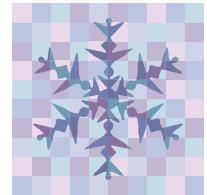
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THE WORLD ONE  
BULB AT A TIME.



Best wishes  
for a safe and  
enjoyable

holiday season and a  
happy new year!

Jackie, Katie,  
and Janet



Send your favorite 'going green'  
holiday ideas to  
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## New Baden Boy Scout Troop 34 Brings Energy Saving Message to Others

Members of New Baden Boy Scout Troop 34 are set to bring the message of energy efficiency and energy conservation to others throughout their community. Scouts hosted a Lights for Learning presentation to which family and community members were also invited. The presentation, held in late October, included

demonstrations and applications of Compact Fluorescent Lights bulbs (CFLs) and LED lights. Scouts were eager to ride the 'energy bike' and get a first hand idea of just how much energy it takes to power an incandescent light bulbs versus a compact fluorescent.

Following the presentation, Scouts presented their own version of the Program to the local Lions Club International Members on December 1st. The New Baden Village Administrator has been contacted in an effort to schedule a town-wide energy efficiency campaign and fundraiser to be spearheaded by the Boy Scouts as well.

To date, six troop members have worked to sell 24 energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) and LED holiday light strands. The savings generated by this sale are equivalent to life cycle savings of \$1871.00, energy savings of 13,200 kWh, pollution reductions of 20,238 lbs of Carbon Dioxide, and the preservation of 2.10 acres of forest.



## Even Santa Goes Green!

Santa is committed to 'do his part' in the fight against greenhouse gas emissions. He was recently spotted at a Home Depot store in Colorado promoting energy saving CFLs and LEDs!