

Kinojeoshtegon Waste Warriors

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About the Project Team...

- ▶ Who are we? We are all youth from Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation that want to help our Earth and do what we can to keep it healthy
- ▶ What is the population? KFN has a population of 300 people on-reserve and a total of 900 with off-reserve members

Project Goals

- ▶ What did your group plan to do?
 - ▶ We wanted to start a recycling program in my community to help deter some of the recyclable material
- ▶ Why did your group want to do that?
 - ▶ We recognized the need for a recycling program in our home but never had the resources or team to complete it.
- ▶ What materials/waste streams did you plan to target?
 - ▶ Our plan is to recycle aluminum cans, paper products, ink cartridges, and some plastic materials

Project Summary

- ▶ What did your group do? What were you able to accomplish?
 - ▶ We have identified a central location within the community to easily come and drop off their recyclable material
 - ▶ Purchased a Shipping Container that will be utilised as storage for the all the recyclable materials
- ▶ What materials/ waste streams did you focus on for your project? Why?
 - ▶ Our primary focus was on paper products, ink cartridges, and aluminum products because we felt that it was the most produced recycling materials that comes from all the offices and the School within the community
- ▶ How did you do that (what were your steps?) sentences or bullet points
 - Identify what needs to be done. → Identify a workable and tangible budget →
 - Find a funding source (CIER) → Purchase any Supplies (Shipping container) →
 - Place Container and start storing recycling 😊



Opportunities

- ▶ Did you accomplish everything you hoped to as a group? If not, why?
 - ▶ We feel that this is just a start to what we want to do in our community. We are hoping to continue and partnering with various organizations around the province to deal with our tires, batteries, e-waste, and household appliances.
- ▶ What were the easiest steps/ tasks you did?
 - ▶ The easiest was actually getting every office together to start recycling their products and sorting them out.
- ▶ Who was involved in DELIVERING your project
 - ▶ Chief and Council, Jordan's Principle Case Manager - Tricia Bercier, School Principal - Adeline Travers, Health Director - Melanie Harper
 - ▶ Various Community Members - Too many to different people with various roles to make this happen
- ▶ How were these people involved?
- ▶ Chief and Council were very involved from the beginning

Impacts

- ▶ Using data collected from a survey that was completed, some years ago, to determine how the community felt about starting a recycling program, which turned out to be very supported. When the survey that was done, also came two medium sized blue bins for every home in the community.
- ▶ How do you think your project will live on in your community past the Waste Warriors project?
 - ▶ With the support of chief and council in Kinonjeoshtegon, we can maintain the recycling program and use it as a tool within the school to teach the younger children on the importance of recycling



What did you learn from being in the Seventh Generation Waste Warriors program?



Has it made an impact in your life, if so how?



What was your favorite presentation?



What was your favorite memory - during the workshop and after in the evenings?



What was the biggest challenge being in this program?



Do you think being a “Waste Warrior” will change anything for you in the future - for example, your habits, behaviour, future goals, etc.



And feel free to add anything else you want to say!

Ilana Thomas

- ▶ I learned that recycling is very important because its needed for the environment
- ▶ It made me realize how imported recycling was and the effects it has on the environment
- ▶ My favorite memory was staying in Sioux Valley, setting up the Teepees and staying in them and also getting to know a little bit more of everyone.
- ▶ The biggest challenge for me was having to present myself and also to speak in front of everyone
- ▶ Being a waste Warrior definitely changed the way I dispose of recycling, now I fully understand how to properly recycle.

Clifford Bushie

- ▶ I learned what to recycle and what not to recycle. I also now know that if we don't, the land will be destroyed by plastic
- ▶ Recycling changed my life a little telling how it is very important to take care of the land
- ▶ My favorite memory was when we all put up teepees and slept in it
- ▶ The biggest challenge was trying to remember from all the other workshops and speaking for presentations
- ▶ Yes, I'll always recycle and organize my stuff. To clean more outside and don't buy one-use things and use less plastic bags and reuse things
- ▶ I hope everyone starts to recycle and keep recycling, including myself in order to keep taking action and tell everyone to recycle and keep the land and water clean and safe for their grandchildren

Dakotah Traverse

- ▶ I had learned that starting and maintaining a recycling program can be difficult trying to do it alone, but with a team and a supportive organizations that are more then willing to help. It can be very easy.
- ▶ The biggest impact I had so far was realizing just how much more we can recycle than just paper and cans, the different types of resources out there.
- ▶ My favorite presentation was definitely ReGen
- ▶ My favourite Memory was The Caves and Peguis Treaty. We rained on, soaked and almost eaten up by a tornado.
- ▶ I think that being a waste warrior expanded my thought on recycling and different ways to go about it
- ▶ I absolutely love this program and greatly encourage CIER and Indigenous Services to carry this program on into other communities.

Next Steps

We are going to do everything we can to maintain the recycling program and expand into recycling collection to materials like tires, home appliances, car batteries, e-waste, and used oil.

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EVERY SINGLE WASTE WARRIORS AND THEIR SUPPORTS