

Free Stuff for Environmental Education/School Gardens/Beautification/Recycling

Free Materials

Cobb County Mulch Program Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.

Home Depot / Lowes – call your local store and ask for either marketing or community relations, they will generally provide a gift card or broken bags/pallets upon request

Scout Troops – contact your local churches (these are usually the sponsoring organizations), Brownies and Girl Scouts may adopt an area of your campus for beautification while Life Scouts (boys) need to complete an Eagle Project before becoming Eagle Scouts. Both groups will bring labor and some, if not all materials for the project

Cobb Trees Program – will provide free trees for your school environment, they are looking for a new director so check back in January <http://kcb.cobbcountyga.gov/cobbtrees.htm>

Free Presenters/Programs

Cobb County Watershed Stewardship – K through 12 programs that correspond to Georgia Performance Standards <http://watershed.cobbcountyga.gov/files/documents/HSE2008square.pdf>

Clean Air Campaign – materials and ideas for setting up a program at your school
<http://www.cleanaircampaign.org/Your-Schools/Learn-About-Clean-Air-Schools>

Keep Cobb Beautiful – K through 12 programs that correspond to Georgia Performance Standards but they are looking for a new director so check back in January, <http://kcb.cobbcountyga.gov/programs.htm>

National Park Service – Variety of programs presented either at your school or a local park. Marjorie Thomas, 678-538-1243, marjorie_thomas@nps.gov and Jerry Hightower, (770) 206-0338, jerry_hightower@nps.gov

Cobb County Park Service – Elementary school level programs, Joni Atkinson, 770-528-8818, joni.atkinson@cobbcounty.org

(Nearly) Free Money

Appropriations – your school's PTA has a line item called appropriations. This money is not assigned to any particular committee and can be used at the discretion of the board. They will meet sometime during the year to distribute these funds to various projects for the school.

EE Alliance of Georgia – they send out a monthly email detailing all the grants, contests and other sources for funding. Membership is \$25 per year www.eealliance.org

Captain Planet Foundation– offers grants up to \$2500, application deadlines are at the end of each quarter <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

Digging in the Dirt – Keep Cobb Beautiful annually offers grants, application will be available starting October 1st <http://kcb.cobbcountyga.gov/dig-dirt-grant.htm>

Great American Cleanup – offers grants of up \$500 for campus clean-up projects every spring <http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=gaclanding>

[Free Lesson Plans/Ideas](#)

www.earthday.org

www.planetpals.com

www.apples4theTeacher.com

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education>

www.georgiarecycles.org

<http://greenandhealthy.org>

www.gogreeninitiative.org

www.greenschools.net

[Free Publicity](#)

East Cobber Magazine – they are always looking for articles to high activities and achievements in local schools, Cynthia Rozzo 770-640-7070, Cynthia@eastcobber.com

Become a green school – teachers submit basic information on lessons they are already doing, the school gets free signs and are highlighted in the Marietta Journal <http://water.cobbcountyga.gov/Files/GrnJoin.html>

Facebook – we have our own FB page called EE in East Cobb, you can post information, invite others to your activities or just get the latest news <http://www.facebook.com/pages/EE-in-East-Cobb/148160311883775>

PTA website – we have our own website where you can toot your own horn, share announcements or catch up on what everyone else is doing <http://www.ecccpta.org/>