

Chico Green Campus Newsletter

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A New School Year, A New Start



The Chico Green Campus Program has some new and exciting projects for the school year. The GCP also plans to continue many of our highlighted projects such as: Sustainability House, Green Cup Cards, Take the Stairs Day, and Resident Hall Energy Competitions.

New GCP projects for the Fall semester include:

- Greeks Going Green**
Project: The GCP plans on joining other environmental groups on campus (e.g., EARC and AS Recycling) in retrofitting a sorority as well as teaching Sisters about simple behavior changes that can help save energy. The GCP will install The Energy Detective™ (aka TED), which will be used in metering the energy consumption of the house prior and after its retrofit. This will allow us to actually show the sorority how much of a difference turning

off lights can make.

- Turn Off the Lights, Pull of the Blinds Challenge:** In October GCP will challenge instructors on campus to turn off the overhead lights in their classrooms and open the blinds to let in natural light. GCP will calculate the energy savings created. This project will hope to educate and change some behavioral practices of professors and students.
- Energy Office Audits:** The GCP will begin assessing offices on their energy use. Program Coordinators will conduct walk-through energy audits of the offices, calculate current energy consumption, make recommendations for energy saving measures and install some energy efficient equipment. Coordinators will also educate office staff on certain behaviors that can conveniently help save energy. First up is the offices of the Women's Center, located on the bottom floor of the BMU. GCP expects to begin their energy audit in September.
- Vending/ Cooling Misers:** The GCP will be conducting a cross-campus feasibility study for installing Vending

Misers® on campus vending machines. These devices slash vending machine energy consumption in half by powering off the machine during certain times of the day.



The Green Campus Program also plans to help with taking the thermostat initiative, that was passed last Spring, to the Academic Senate.

Also, the GCP will be aiding in the efforts to stop CSU, Chico's purchase of energy from Arizona Power Supply.

This is a big year for the Chico Green Campus Program, and there are high hopes for demonstrable energy savings all over campus.

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The Chico Green Campus Program has Moved!

The Chico Green Campus Program has moved to the **BMU 301**, along with AS Recycling, EARC, AS Sustainability, and RARE. The GCP, along with its fellow environmental organizations, are excited to collaborate more on projects this year.

There will be an open house of the 301 on Wednesday, September 12 from 10am till 2pm.

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Looks Who's Talking A bout the Chico Green Campus Program

With the semester only starting a week ago, the Chico Green Campus Program has started with a bang.

The GCP was featured in the campus news section of the Enterprise-Record for their success in distributing CFL bulbs and collecting over 1,000 "Change a Light, Change the World" pledges.

The GCP was also featured in the Chico State newspaper, The Orion, which featured an article about how college students can live more sustainable.

Lastly, the north state public radio station, KCHO, featured an interview with GCP about the Sustainability House at Chico State.

Energy Saving Tip of the Month

Even though it is still really hot outside, you don't always have to set your thermostat at 70 degrees. If you just set your thermostat to keep air conditioning at 78°F you can help save up to 20% in cooling costs.