



The Kids Ecology Corps

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The Kids Ecology Corps educates youth and residents on ways to “go green” in their homes, businesses and community with its third Climate Change in South Florida workshop

This workshop features “Green” LEED-certified experts and focuses on renewable new building products, lowering water and energy use and removing indoor toxins

Pembroke Pines, FL (April 25, 2008) – On Thursday, April 30th the non profit environmental education organization, The Kids Ecology Corps, will present the third workshop in their “Climate Change in South Florida” series, focusing on new “Green” buildings in our community and the benefits to our environment, at the South Regional Library in Pembroke Pines.

Speakers include Marvin Scharf of IBI Group, “Green” LEED-certified engineer Brian Lomel of TLC Engineers and architect John Garra of Square One Architecture. Mayor Frank Ortiz of Pembroke Pines will speak on ways the city is “going green”. The panel’s focus will be on how residents can incorporate the latest environmentally-friendly technologies in their own homes, schools and businesses that have the added benefit of lowering water and energy use, reducing carbon emissions and reducing harmful indoor toxins (VOC’s).

Marvin Scharf and IBI Group were the architects responsible for the design of the South Regional Library in Pembroke Pines. Opened February 1, 2007 the South Regional Library is the first “green” LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified building in Broward County. Of the many “green” technologies incorporated into the construction of the library, designers chose to use bookshelves and furnishings made from sustainably-harvested wood, carpet made from recycled materials, and low-emitting VOC (volatile organic compounds) products.

John Garra of Square One Architecture was responsible for the design of three “green” buildings in Southeast Florida - the Pizza Fusion restaurants in Weston, Palm Beach Gardens and Wellington. Innovative environmentally-conscious design techniques for the locations include low flow faucets that reduce water use by 40%, rapidly renewable bamboo for flooring materials, heat exchangers that capture oven heat and transfer it into useable hot water and the selection of locations in proximity to public transportation. The Pizza Fusion locations will be the first LEED-registered restaurants in Florida.

This event will take place on Thursday, April 30th 2008, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the South Regional Library/BCC Campus at 7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL, 33024.

Refreshments will be provided. Raffles and door prizes will be awarded to attendees and students, donated by Office Depot.

The Kids Ecology Corps is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to inspire young people to make environmental action part of their everyday lives and in the lives of those around them. KEC has reached over 60,000 young people from pre-k through high school, offering unique hands-on presentations and eco-action programs that educate children and youth about: keeping our oceans clean; the importance of trees; the role re-planting our coastal wetlands play in beach conservation; water conservation; pollution prevention; global climate change and energy conservation; and, protecting local natural habitats for native wildlife. Visit them at www.kidsecologycorps.org or contact The Kids Ecology Corps at kec@kidsecologycorps.org . The KEC team can be reached at Tel.: 954-524-0366 to volunteer or to schedule an education or eco-action presentation at your school.

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