

With Earth Day being Thursday, April 22, I'm sure everyone has asked themselves *How can I help save the planet?* Of course you have! From those that use biodegradable products to those that recycle to those that keep the water and electricity turned off when you aren't using them; there are a lot of small things we all do to help!

As a child growing up, I went to Camp Toccoa in north Georgia during the summers, as did many other kids. To those that are not familiar or have not heard of Camp Toccoa, you can read about it at www.camptoccoa.org. Camp Toccoa is owned and operated by Camp Fire USA, GA Council. The camp has been in operation since 1927! As that it is a non-profit organization, it depends on donations and fundraising to remain open for all the kids now to enjoy summer camp! Earlier this month, I took my family to the camp for a family weekend. We had a blast with all the activities they had available.

Here's where you all come in. I'm not asking for a dime. I'm asking for your trash!!! That's right, trash!

I have started Camp Toccoa in the recycling program through the Terracycle brigades. Again, if you are not familiar with Terracycle, you can check them out at www.terracycle.net. In short, they take waste from used products, and up-cycle them to make other products. This saves the landfills from being filled with these items. Currently, you can even see and purchase some of the products they make in local Wal-Mart stores! Now, for each item that is turned in, the camp receives \$0.02. I have two grandkids, and they go through about 20 Capri-Sun pouches a week, that's \$0.40 the camp will receive, and 20 pieces of trash that stays out of the landfills!

You can find a WANTED poster of the items that are currently being collected @ www.camptoccoa.org under the NEWS tab or you can email me and I will gladly email you a copy. If you'd like to help, feel free to bring any of these items to a GCLA event. I will have a plastic tub for your collected items. All I ask is that you keep the juice pouches separate since they can get sticky and stinky.

If you have any questions about the program or the camp, feel free to contact me at:

Email- camptoccoaalumni@aol.com Use the Subject line: RECYCLE

Thank you!

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