



Monday, Jan. 09, 2012

Boys & Girls Club, other groups to hold recycling event Jan. 16

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Merced County (BGC Merced) has teamed up with Multicultural Promises, Hands On Central California R.S.V.P., KCSOS BHC/Y AmeriCorps and WildLink in a recycling project.

On Monday, Jan. 16, the organizations and volunteers will be set up in the parking lot of the Boys & Girls Club, 615 W. 15th Street; Merced, to receive donated items. They'll collect traditional CRV items, such as aluminum cans, bottles, and plastic. In addition, they'll accept electronic products.

The event will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Every year, some 125 million cell phones are sent to landfills. If left there, one cell phone can seep dangerous chemicals, such as lead, cadmium and mercury, and has could pollute thousands of gallons of drinking water.

Old CRT TVs are considered e-waste, which is defined as all obsolete or outdated computers, televisions, cell phones, printers, PDAs and thousands of other devices commonly used in offices, and homes.

Refreshments will be served to volunteers, and there are three shifts available: 9 a.m. to noon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested in volunteering can call the Boys & Girls Club and ask for Ms. Lou. For additional information on the items that will be accepted, ask for Ms. Yvette.

For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs of Merced County programs and activities, please contact Tony Slaton, executive director, (209) 722-9922.