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RECYCLEMANIA FESTIVITIES TO TAKE OVER BUTLER PLAZA ON MARCH 19

Houston, March 13, 2013 – University of Houston students can learn about recycling and have fun at the same time during RecycleMania festivities on March 19.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Butler Plaza will be transformed into a playground of activities involving oversized games made out of recycled materials, including Jenga, Connect 4, Skeeball, a tossing game and a large puzzle. Students can earn prizes by playing the games.

At the same time that the RecycleMania Olympics is taking place, students who want to use their creative flair can take part in the Art of Recycling contest. Leah Wolfthal, program coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, said students who are interested in participating can work on their artistic creations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We’ll have discarded materials on hand, as well as other items like pipe cleaners and glue, that students can use to create a work of art," Wolfthal said.
The artwork will be displayed and students can cast their ballots for the winning entries from 1 to 2 p.m. Gift certificates will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners.

Facilities Management will host a booth to provide information about Adopt-a-Spot, a new campus volunteer opportunity for students, student organizations, faculty and staff that involves the adoption of a specific location on campus, with a commitment to keep the location litter-free and to encourage ongoing community involvement in campus beautification. Someone will also be on hand to talk to students about campus recycling.

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