



First Place 4th Grade
Miss Makenzie Brocato
Blakeney Elementary School
Burke County

2012 Georgia National Fair
Fair Bear Creative Writing Contest
"Fair Bear Goes Green"

This is a story about a bear named Fair Bear. One day, when he was at school, he saw a little presentation about going green. After that, Fair Bear decided to start a program about being green. He called it, "Don't be mean. Get green."

One of the things in the project was to save trees by saving paper. He taught kids how to reuse the newspaper by making paper hats, paper dolls, and paper snowflakes. Fair Bear and the children came up with other ways to save paper. Whenever the kids were coloring, they used both sides of their paper. Instead of using paper plates at lunch, they reused plastic containers.

Fair Bear also taught kids to save water. He told them that when you have to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer instead. Or, when you are brushing your teeth, turn the water off while you are brushing. When you are taking a bath or shower, try not to waste so much water. Your shower should take 5 to 8 minutes instead of 20 minutes.

The biggest thing Fair Bear thought of all was getting a green thumb! Fair Bear, the children, and adults volunteered. They planted fruits, veggies, trees, flowers, and many other things. They made sure that the plants

had plenty of space, air, sunlight, soil, and that the plants weren't surrounded by weeds. Afterwards, they made the fruits and veggies into juice, salad, and jam.

And so, Fair Bear and the Kids did many other things to protect the world. After a full year of hard work, something wonderful happened. Fair Bear won a Nobel Peace Prize! Fair Bear was so happy and proud of himself. Soon, the whole world was happy, and we owe it all to Fair Bear!



Second Place 4th Grade
Miss Brittney Carter
Wacona Elementary School
Ware County

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Have you ever recycled? If you have, help Fair Bear out. He has seen a video or presentation on the 3 R's. Do you know what they are? They are reduce, reuse, and recycle!

The presentation was about littering, wasting things, and leaving lights or water on too long. This makes him disappointed and upset, ~~because~~ because trash can kill animals. So can air pollution.

To stop this, Fair Bear needs your help! He wants you to pick up trash and ride your bikes or walk more. Fair Bear wants you to meet him at the Fair grounds in Perry, Georgia.

One time, some kids did meet him. When the kids got there, Fair Bear got them on some bikes and they rode around with their bags clunged to their backs.

"You know, I kind of like recycling and helping our community," said one of the kids.

"Yeah, me too," another kid said.

"After we're done I might take y'all to the Recycling Center," said Fair Bear.

"Yay!" the kids shouted.

Later on, they arrived at the Recycling Center. They put the items in the right bins and had a tour.

"I never knew there was so much to do when you recycle," said one of the kids as he was walking out of the center.

"Yep, and if we didn't have these hard-working centers our environment wouldn't be happy, clean, or safe!" said Fair Bear.

We can learn a lot from Fair Bear. We learn that we need to use the three R's. And they are reduce, reuse, and recycle! We also learn that we need to pick up trash, don't litter, and ride plus walk more. So remember to always pay attention to what you do.



Third Place 4th Grade
Miss Graci Rowe
Southwest Laurens Elementary
Laurens County

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Everyone was gathering in the crowded lunchroom at a school meeting waiting for the presentation to start. The presenter began by encouraging people to go green by recycling, saving water, picking up trash and things like that. As he talked more about helping the environment, Fair Bear was in the audience waiting for the presentation to end so he could get started going green.

"I will get all my friends to help me make the world a better place," thought Fair Bear.

After the presentation, Fair Bear called his friend Honest Fox and told him to meet him at the bus stop. "Sure thing Fair Bear," said Honest Fox. So Fair Bear got on a bus and picked up Honest Fox and they called the rest of their friends and picked them up too. After everyone was picked up, Fair Bear and his friends had a meeting. "Let's get together once a week and pick up trash," said Honest Fox. "That's a great idea," said Fair Bear, "but I wanted to do something special for the community and something the children will enjoy." So they decided to rebuild a Community park.

On a bright, shiny Saturday Morning, they got to work. They started by picking up trash around the park. Next, they fixed some broken equipment and bought new equipment. They also planted some trees and flowers, put out recycle bins and they put out trash cans. All the children waited and watched for the new park to open. "I can't wait to see the children's faces when the park opens!" said Fair Bear. "I know, they'll be so happy and cheerful," said Honest Fox.

Finally, the day had arrived that the community and especially the children had been waiting for. Fair Bear gathered everyone at the park. As the mayor cut the ribbon, Fair Bear and his friends passed out shirts that said "Let's Go Green!" The children ran to play as the parents thanked Fair Bear and his friends for a job well done.