

2008 Statement of Stewardship (S.O.S.)

We, the students of the Great Lakes Student Summit 2008, hereby state the following to protect and preserve the Great Lakes environment:

We will make an effort to recycle and compost more and encourage our classmates and families to make an all out effort to use bins at home and school.

Instead of throwing things out, we will try to recycle them into useable items, and purchase items made from recycled materials.

We will work to reduce our own litter, pick up litter when we see it and encourage others to join us.

We will ask our families and friends to join us as we work to conserve water and energy, reduce pesticides, use cloth bags and follow environmentally friendly practices.

We promise to join in beach clean-ups, tree plantings and other restoration efforts in our communities.

We will share information learned about the Great Lakes and environmental topics like water pollution, invasive species and dumping waste down sewers.

We will walk more or use our bikes to reduce the use of cars and encourage our families to carpool more and idle engines less.

We will do our best to "Go Green" in all of our actions.

We will become environmentally aware and support community efforts like those dealing with the placement of waste dump sites.

We believe that if we all work together and do our best, we can make the Great Lakes and the world a better place for everyone.

The Earth takes care of us, so we need to take care of it!