



October



November



December



July



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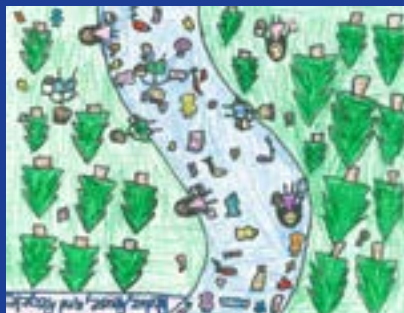
September



April



May



June



January



February



March

Marine debris is a problem we can solve together. Although marine debris is found worldwide, we can all help with the smallest actions. Reduce, reuse, recycle, and participate in local beach or stream cleanups. If we each do a little, together we can make a big difference.



NOAA Marine Debris Program
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 Administration
 U.S. Department of Commerce
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About this planner...

The art featured in this planner are all original and created by students from across the United States in grades K through 8. Students were asked to answer two simple questions: How does marine debris impact you? What are you doing about it? The 13 pieces of art featured in this planner are the winners of the 2010 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris" Art Contest and were chosen based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevancy to the theme, and how thoroughly students answered the two questions. As you can imagine, choosing only 13 (of the 300+ entries we received) was no easy task! All of them were so great!

A **big thank you** goes out to all of those students who submitted their artwork to us! You, our next generation, have truly inspired and reminded us of why it is that we do what we do every day—protect our oceans.

We hope this planner leaves you with a drive to get involved, like these students, in tackling marine debris, ignites or fuels a passion for protecting our oceans, and leaves you smiling! May you all enjoy this planner as much as we enjoyed making it!



Cover Artwork & Art Contest Overall Winner

Artwork title: "Otter Not Litter"
By Ektaa T. (age 12, 6th grade, from California)

"Marine debris impacts me because I care for the organisms which live in this environment. Now, I'm recycling and asking other kids at my school to do it too and the bottles, cans, and paper are being reused instead of being dumped in the ocean."

"I live near the beach, so I often go to play in the water and have a game of beach volleyball. Some people don't have the same respect I do. Trash is always there. For now, the simplest thing I can do is pick it up. Just so the beauty isn't ruined."

December 2011

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NOVEMBER 2011 	JANUARY 2012 			1	2	3
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			Hanukkah	First Day of Winter Marine Debris Research, Prevention, & Reduction Act 5th Anniversary		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins					New Year's Eve

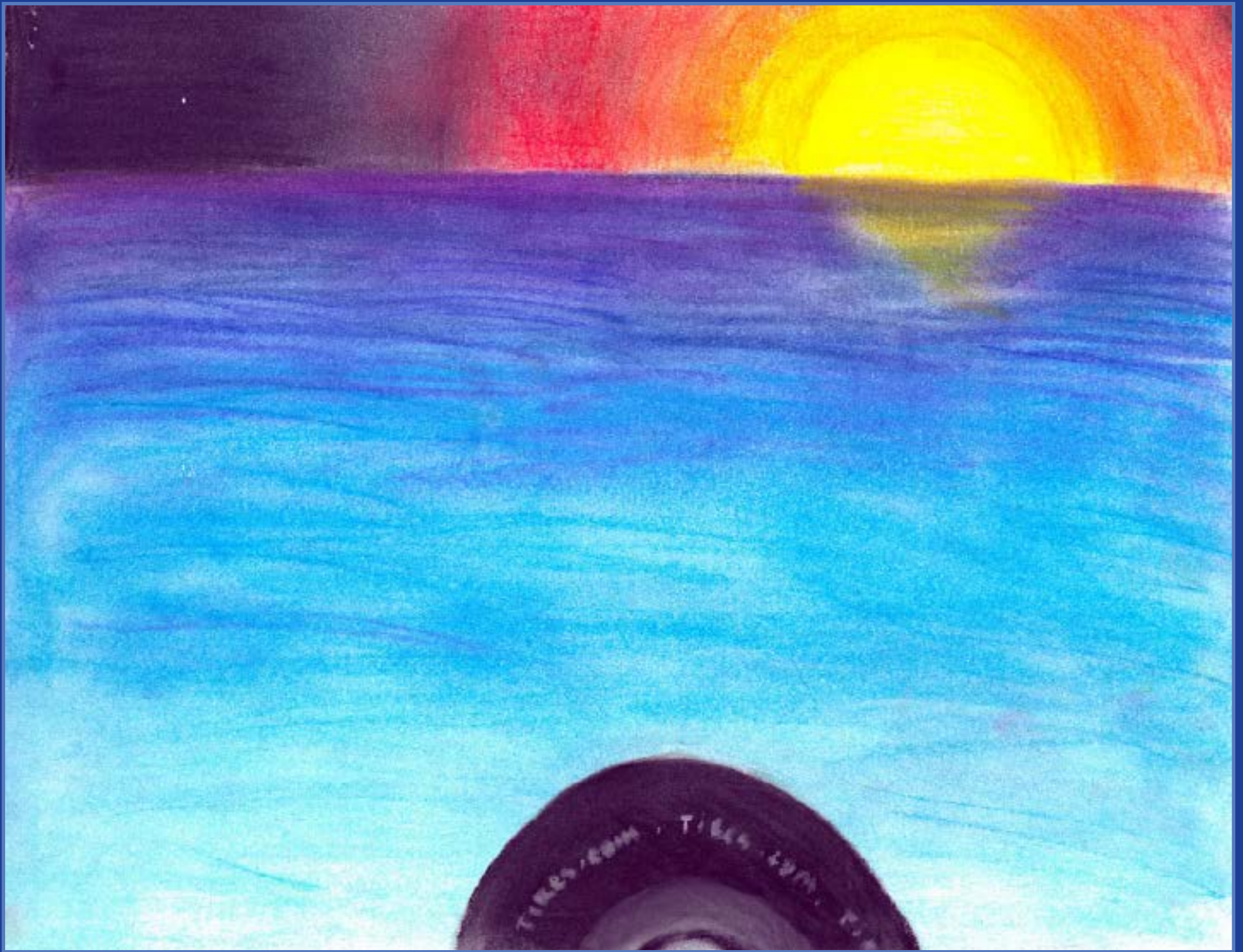


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How YOU Can Help:

Get involved! Participate in beach or stream cleanups in your area!



By Caroline K. (age 14, 8th grade, Virginia)
Art medium: chalk pastels



NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program serves as a centralized marine debris capability within NOAA in order to coordinate, strengthen, and increase the visibility of marine debris issues and efforts within the agency, its partners, and the public. This Program is undertaking a national and international effort focusing on identifying, reducing, and preventing debris in the marine environment. Additionally, the MDP supports and works closely with various partners across the U.S. to fulfill the Program's mission.

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By Elaine L. (age 10, 4th grade, Florida)
Art medium: colored pencils & crayons

"Having lived near the beach my whole life, I see how much marine debris can harm the environment. Therefore, I believe people should contribute more to keeping the oceans and beaches clean. To help out the community with the marine debris, I don't litter or add more trash to the beaches. I also participate in 'Clean the Bay Day'".

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 America Recycles Day	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30		OCTOBER 2011 	DECEMBER 2011



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How YOU Can Help:



Always dispose of your trash properly!



By Dani F. (age 14, 8th grade, Virginia)
Art medium: colored pencils

"[Marine debris] impacts me because if a type of marine species goes extinct [because] of the debris, it might affect the food chain. What I do about it is that when visiting the beach, after I drink my juice boxes and water bottles, I throw them in the trash can instead of the sea."

January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (Observed)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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How YOU Can Help:

Remember that trash on land can eventually makes its way to the ocean—no matter how far!



By Anolani V. (age 12, 6th grade, Hawaii)
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

"I will help every day to stop marine debris and help pick it up so our life day animals can live on forever so our future will have them on forever."

October 2011

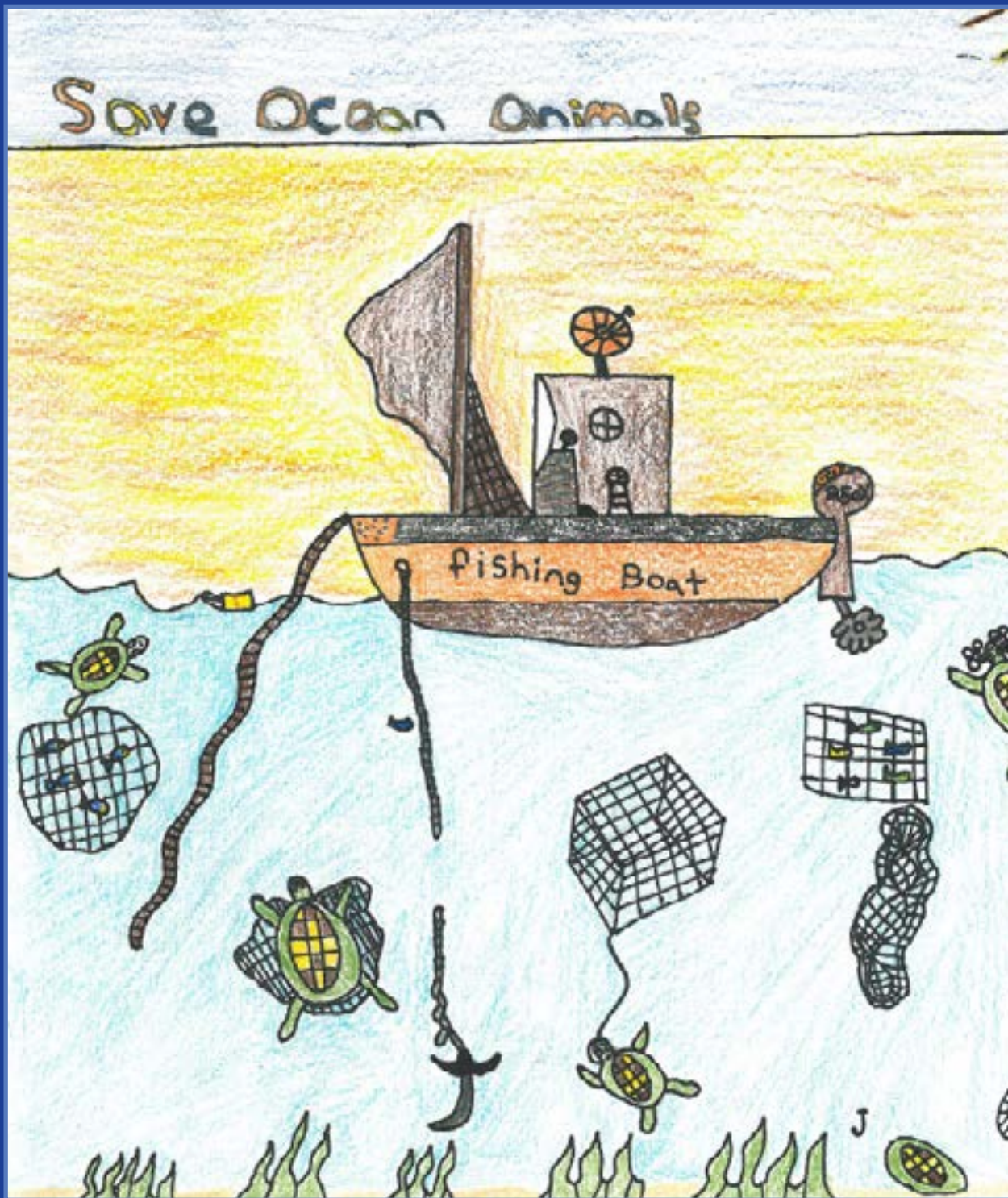
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9	10 Columbus Day (Observed)	11	12	13	14	15 Yom Kippur
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					



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How YOU Can Help:
Reduce the amount of waste or trash you produce.



By William J. (age 11, 5th grade, Virginia)
Art medium: crayons

"Marine debris impacts me because it causes unsafe and polluted water, dangerous for marine life and human beings. To help keep the sea free of debris, I would pick up left-over trash that were abandoned on the beach, and would quickly dispose them in the trash can."

February 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Groundhog Day	Chinese New Year		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						Lincoln's Birthday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Valentine's Day					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	President's Day (Observed)	Washington's Birthday				
27	28				JANUARY 2011	MARCH 2011

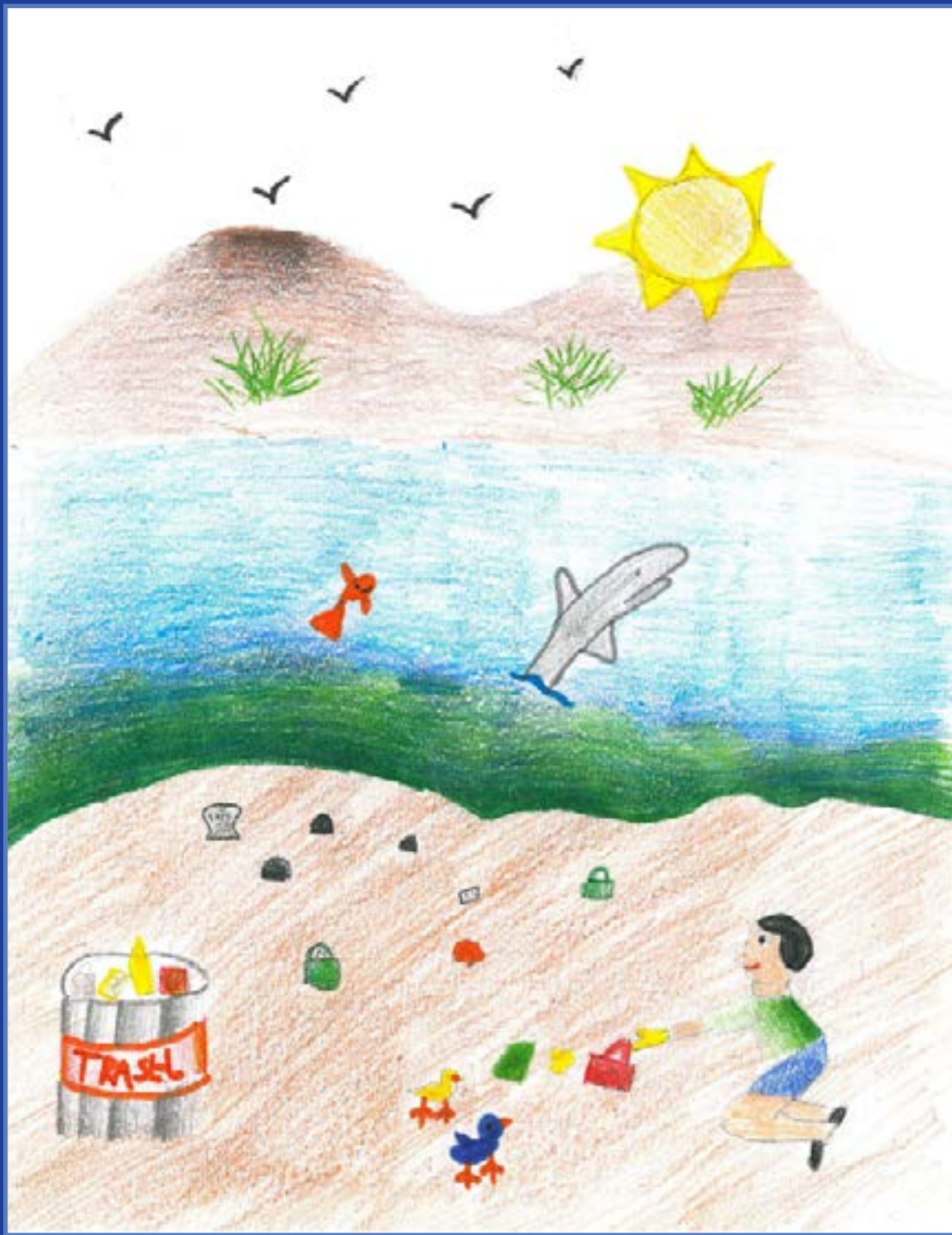


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How YOU Can Help:

Reuse items whenever possible! Choose reusable items over disposable ones!



By Tricia J. (age 7, 2nd grade, California)
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

"In real life, there is lots of trash in the ocean and sea turtles get confused and eat plastic bags and get killed because they thought it was a jelly fish. To solve that problem, I started doing more beach clean-ups. I have seen a difference already!"

September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<small>AUGUST 2011</small> 	<small>OCTOBER 2011</small> 			1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 International Coastal Cleanup
18	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24
25	26	27	28 Rosh Hashanah	29	30	

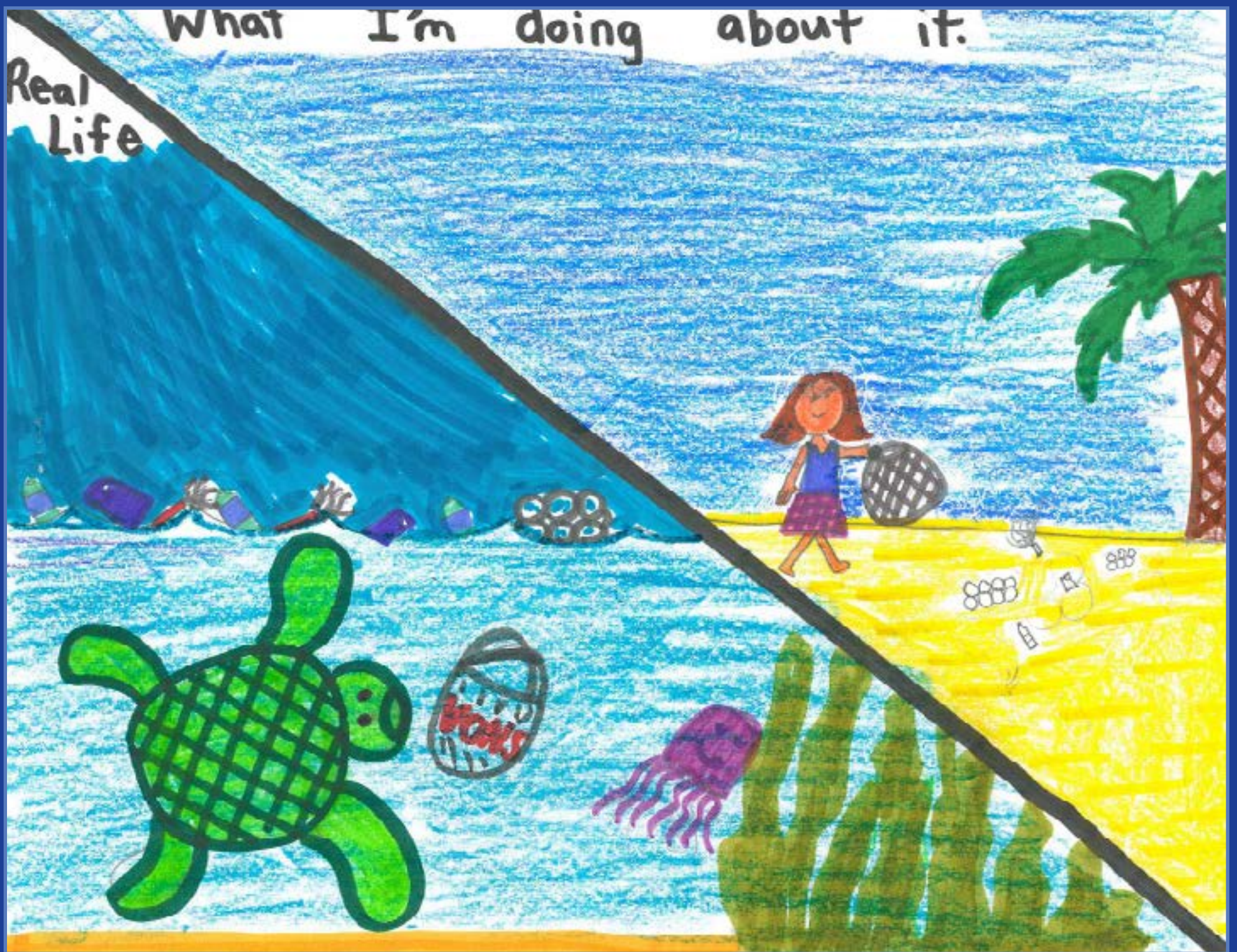


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How YOU Can Help:

Join your friends and family and participate in the International Coastal Cleanup!



By Annika F. (age 9, 3rd grade, California)
Art medium: crayons & markers

"In my picture, I am showing a boy picking up trash before it goes in the ocean because a fish might eat it and get sick. Also if you throw a can, the sea animals might get hurt. So please help save marine life by not throwing trash."

March 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First Day of Spring	21	22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2011 	APRIL 2011

5th International Marine Debris Conference ~ Honolulu, HI ~ www.5IMDC.org



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How YOU Can Help:

Recycle as much as possible! So many items these days can be recycled.

Reduce Marine Debris



By Kimaya C. (age 12, 6th grade, California)
Art medium: colored pencils, soft pastels, & oil pastels

"Marine debris impacts me because when I go to the beach, I don't want to swim in dirty rubbish water. My family won't enjoy swimming in garbage. Whenever we are at the beach we clean up our mess and pick up any rubbish we see even if it's not ours."

August 2011

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		July 2011	September 2011



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How YOU Can Help:
Recycle your fishing line or throw it away
in the proper place!



By Dannia A. (age 7, 1st grade, Hawaii)
Art medium: crayons & markers

"Marine debris directly impacts marine creatures. Yet, every organism in this world is part of one, large food web. Even if one link is missing, all of us in the food web are affected. I recycle as much as possible, and also make attempts to reduce amounts of waste."

April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 2011 	APR 2011 				1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Palm Sunday	18	19 Passover	20	21	22 Earth Day Good Friday	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30



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How YOU Can Help:
Learn the facts about marine debris and help spread the word!



By Krish K. (age 7, 1st grade, California)
Art medium: colored pencils & crayons

"In my picture, I drew a child playing at a polluted beach. Marine debris impacts me because it pollutes the air I breathe and ruins the beautiful beaches that I enjoy visiting. I'm trying to help this by recycling, not littering, and using products that aren't harmful to the environment."

July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 2011 	August 2011 				1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Parent's Day 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



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How YOU Can Help:
Leave the beach cleaner than when you got there!



By Sofia H. (age 12, 6th grade, California)
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

"I do see people throwing garbage on the road and around sea beaches. Road side there are drains which are for rain water and that goes to sea, and with that the garbage. I make sure that garbage is thrown in correct bins."

May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23 World Turtle Day	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31			June 2011 	July 2011



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How YOU Can Help:
Practice the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!



By Kiarha Y. (age 9, 4th grade, Nebraska)
Art medium: crayons

June 2011

"I learned that trash is going on in rivers to the ocean. I drew a lake on a forest with trash on the lake and people picking up trash. I like to clean our mother earth and I love to learn more about the Pacific Garbage Patch!"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2011 Calendar grid	May 2011 Calendar grid		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 World Ocean Day	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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How YOU Can Help:

Make sure that your trash cans have tight-fitting lids to prevent blow-away trash.