

FEATURED EVENT! ~~WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30~~

Outdoor Screening of the Documentary "Bag It"

SYNOPSIS: What starts as a film about plastic bags evolves into a wholesale investigation into plastic's effects on our oceans, environment, and bodies. We see how our crazy-for-plastic world has finally caught up to us...and what we can do about it.

~~8:00PM - 10PM Central
(Movie will begin at dusk)
Location: Save the Dunes Headquarters
444 Barker Road Michigan City, IN 46360~~

NOW JULY 14!

[Click here to register & for more information](#)

**NEW DATE
DUE TO RAIN!**

THURSDAY 01

CONDUCT A PLASTIC AUDIT: Understanding how much plastic you use is essential to understanding where you can eliminate it. Start by checking your bin! Conduct a plastic audit to better understand your habits and make change.

[Learn More](#)

FRIDAY 02

TAKE OUR PLASTIC-FREE CHALLENGE: Are you committed to being plastic-free? Take our pledge! Those who commit will be entered to win a plastic-free prize pack - made to jumpstart your new plastic-free lifestyle!

[Learn More](#)

SATURDAY 03

HOST A PLASTIC-FREE PICNIC: Picnics in the dunes are the perfect way to enjoy a sunny summer day. However, choosing how you package your food makes a difference. There are lots of ways to think plastic-free when on a picnic adventure!

[Learn More](#)



WEEK ONE

JUNE / JULY 2021

SUNDAY 04

RECREATE

RESPONSIBLY: Today is a day full of festivities, but it is also a day where our beaches and trails face the greatest impacts of litter and increased use. Learn how you can enjoy our outdoors by recreating responsibly!

[Learn More](#)

MONDAY 05

LISTEN & LEARN:

So what really happens to the plastic you throw away? Take a moment to listen & learn by watching today's recommended TED-ED video.

[Learn More](#)

TUESDAY 06

JUST SAY NO:

Plastic straws, utensils, and water bottles are all examples of single-use plastics. A recent report indicates that there are only 5 companies that make a quarter of the world's single use plastics.

[Learn More](#)

WEDNESDAY 07

TAKE OUR PLASTIC-FREE

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THURSDAY 08

SPECIAL EVENT! RECYCLING STILL

MATTERS: Join us for a free live-streaming event on why recycling still matters if done properly. This event features guest speaker Sacha Gee-Burns Solid Waste District of LaPorte County.

[Info Coming Soon!](#)

FRIDAY 09

PLASTIC-FREE PRIZE

PACK DRAWING #1: By taking our pledge, you could win a plastic-free prize packs. Winners will be notified by close of business. Didn't win this round? No worries! You're still eligible for our next drawing.

[Learn More](#)

SATURDAY 10

CLEAN-UP OUR PARKS:

Volunteer through Trash Trekkers, a drop-in litter clean-up program. Check in at the Dorothy Buell Visitor Center to receive trash bags, or better yet, bring your own bucket! Choose a trail or beach and get to work!

[Learn More](#)



WEEK TWO

JULY 2021

SUNDAY 11

BRING YOUR OWN BAG:

The estimated number of plastic bags used each year, worldwide, is 4,000,000,000,000. When shopping, bring your own bag and make a difference! It's that simple!

[Learn More](#)

MONDAY 12

LISTEN & LEARN:

Why should we care about going plastic-free? Let's start with why we should care about our waterways. In this passionate TedTalk, Kelsey Leonard of the Shinnecock Nation shares why our waters should have rights.

[Learn More](#)

TUESDAY 13

JUST SAY NO:

Body wash can be replaced with bar soap, eliminating the need for a disposable plastic bottle (and the non-recyclable pump that comes with it). Just another way to go plastic-free!

[Learn More](#)

WEDNESDAY 14

FEATURED EVENT: OUTDOOR SCREENING OF "BAG IT":

We're hosting a movie viewing party! Join us for an outdoor screening of the movie "Bag It" in Michigan City! This is one event you won't want to miss. Register today!

[Learn More](#)

THURSDAY 15

SPECIAL EVENT! MARINE DEBRIS IN THE OCEANS & GREAT LAKES: Join us for a free live-streaming event on marine debris and how it plagues our waters. This event features guest speaker Sarah Lowe, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, for NOAA.

[Learn More](#)

FRIDAY 16

PLASTIC-FREE PRIZE PACK DRAWING #2: By taking our pledge, you could win a plastic-free prize packs. Winners will be notified by close of business. Didn't win this round? No worries! You're still eligible for our next drawing.

[Learn More](#)

SATURDAY 17

MAKE A CHOICE OF NATURAL FIBERS: By choosing natural fibers, you reduce the risk of introducing microplastics into our local waterways. Opt for cotton & wool instead of synthetics (nylon, polyester, & acrylic).

[Learn More](#)



WEEK THREE

JULY 2021

SUNDAY 18

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF INDIANA DUNES LITTER

PICK-UP EVENT: Bring your own bucket and a can-do attitude! Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM at the Friends' canopy just east of the State Park Beach Pavilion. How much plastic will you find?

[Learn More](#)

MONDAY 19

LISTEN & LEARN:

There are actions you can take at the local level to be plastic-free. Need some inspiration? Listen to Keith Tharp's TEDX talk for ideas we can replicate in Northwest Indiana!

[Learn More](#)

TUESDAY 20

JUST SAY NO:

40% of plastic waste is packaging – used just once then discarded. Be mindful of the packaging when selecting products. Your choice matters!

[Learn More](#)

WEDNESDAY 21

TAKE OUR PLASTIC-FREE

CHALLENGE: Are you committed to being plastic-free? Take our pledge! Those who commit will be entered to win a plastic-free prize pack - made to jumpstart your new plastic-free lifestyle!

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THURSDAY 22

SPECIAL EVENT! TOUCH

THE SKY: Join us for a free live-streaming event with Cat Mahari and Pearl "BlackPearl" Ramsey as they share the intersections of art, plastic, and people.

[Learn More](#)

FRIDAY 23

PLASTIC-FREE PRIZE

PACK DRAWING #3: By taking our pledge, you could win a plastic-free prize packs. Winners will be notified by close of business. Didn't win this round? No worries! You're still eligible for one last drawing.

[Learn More](#)

SATURDAY 24

MAKE YOUR LUNCH

GREENER: Ditch your plastic baggies and opt for beeswax wraps or reusable bags in place of plastic wrap and sandwich bags. There's actually a surprising amount of reusable items available on the market!

[Learn More](#)



WEEK FOUR

JULY 2021

SUNDAY 25

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF INDIANA DUNES LITTER

PICK-UP EVENT: Bring your own bucket and a can-do attitude! Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM at the Friends' canopy just east of the State Park Beach Pavilion. How much plastic will you find?

[Learn More](#)

MONDAY 26

LISTEN & LEARN:

Our throwaway culture often impacts poor people and poor countries "first and worst." Listen to Van Jones in this hard-hitting TEDX talk to learn more about the economic injustice of plastic.

[Learn More](#)

TUESDAY 27

JUST SAY NO:

All released balloons, including those falsely marketed as "biodegradable latex," return to Earth as ugly litter. They kill countless animals and cause dangerous power outages. Balloons blow!

[Learn More](#)

WEDNESDAY 28

TAKE OUR PLASTIC-FREE

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[Learn More](#)

THURSDAY 29

**SPECIAL EVENT!
MICROPLASTICS IN THE
GREAT LAKES: TINY
POLLUTANT, BIG
PROBLEM?**

Join us for a free live-streaming event with Sarah Zack of Illinois-Indiana SeaGrant as she discusses the impact of microplastics.

[Learn More](#)

FRIDAY 30

**PLASTIC-FREE PRIZE
PACK DRAWING #4:**

By taking our pledge, you could win a plastic-free prize packs. Winners will be notified by close of business. This is our last drawing of the month!

[Learn More](#)

SATURDAY 31

**JOIN MERMAID STRAW'S
LITTER PICK-UP EVENT:**

Bring your own bucket and a can-do attitude! Volunteers will meet at 9:00 AM near the State Park Beach Pavilion. How much plastic will you find?

[Learn More](#)



WEEK FIVE

JULY 2021

JULY &
BEYOND

THE CHALLENGE DOESN'T END HERE.

Being plastic-free doesn't start and end in July. It's a lifestyle change that takes time. By making choices about what products you buy or the packaging you use, you can help bring us one step closer to a world without plastic. From this day forward, remember the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Refuse. Say no to those plastic straws. Bring your own reusable bag. Recycle properly. Be thoughtful about your purchases. Your choices matter. Thank you for keeping the challenge going and doing all that you can to keep our dunes and Lake Michigan plastic-free!

