



Special Event Report Card

Event Name: **ELC America's Birthday Carnival**
Event Date: **July 4, 2012**

Overall Effort: ●

Education	●
Waste Stations	●
Giveaways/Sponsors	●

Explanation of rating system:

- Excelled
- Met ZGreen Requirements
- Just missed requirements
- Did not meet requirements

Comments/Suggestions:

The ELC carnival did a great job meeting ZGreen requirements in 2012. Like last year, all of the plates and utensils at the food tent were compostable. Guests leaving the food tent were directed past the main waste station (with compost) which was manned by staff. Within the food tent education signs informed everyone about composting and recycling. The giveaways that were not used last year were reused for this year's event. In addition, allowing children to pick their prize helps reduce the waste produced by unwanted discarded prizes. Trash bins around the event were paired with recycling bins.

Areas for Improvement:

Like last year, bottled water was the main source of water for the event. ZGreen suggests switching to bulk water with recyclable or compostable cups. Also, single use plastic table cloths were used at the food tent. By using reusable linen cloths the ELC carnival could get even closer to becoming a Zero Waste event. There seemed to be a disconnect between the cotton candy station and the main food area. The cups were a mixture of recyclable and compostable. ZGreen recommends standardizing the cutlery and cups and offering a compost bin near all areas where compostable material is available.

Thank you for working with ZGreen and complying with the City of Aspen event requirements.

This report card will be kept on file and referenced for future events. It will also be made available to the public and City Council. The Aspen ZGreen program is a joint program between the City of Aspen Environmental Health Department and the Canary Initiative. Please contact us at ZGreen@ci.aspen.co.us or (970)429-1798