

Environmental problems also affect Monteverde

The District of Monteverde is recognized for its scenic beauty and rich biodiversity, but it is also facing a grim reality, that of solid waste management.

Because of this, the local community and Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve have been joining forces to raise awareness among the population about the situation, focusing on the responsibility of each individual in the protection of the environment.

On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of September of 2011, there were presentations at the Santa Elena Technical Professional High School with the main theme of solid waste management and the proposed minimization of usage of plastic in Monteverde. Educators participated in these talks both at the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve and the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.

The picture reflects part of what can be seen on a visit to the streams of Monteverde, where the presence of solid waste could be seen throughout



the tour. The pollution of our waters is most visible. It is increasingly evident that pollution is generated by our people, so it is very important to educate.

The interest of young people at the Santa Elena Vocational Technical High School was noted and the presentations. These young people took the initiative to collect large amounts of waste and clean up much of the land of the Santa Elena Technical Professional High School which is supported by the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve.



Collecting material at CTPSE

On the first day of the collection, these students used their free periods to collect waste products. They worked on the high school's recreational areas and trails.

The second day, the students toured the creek adjacent to the school, where they collected the largest amount of waste. They found plastic bags, glass and plastic bottles, clothes, carpets, tires, Zinc sheets, and many other things.



Creek adjacent to CTPSE

Soapy gray water was also observed falling directly into the creek.

The students tried to extract from the creek as much material as possible, but unfortunately there is still a great deal of waste in it.



Old refrigerator near the creek



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Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve extends a huge thank you to these students, who care about their school but most of all to maintain a cleaner Monteverde, which is certainly important to the welfare of our community.

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