Christmas tree recycling

Every municipality in the Capital Region has at least one tree-chipping site set up for this weekend. For details of locations, times, and the destination of your donation, visit this page on the CRD website.

Thanks to Uzay Damali and Heather Ranson for the heads-up on this documentary shot by a National Geographic environmental photographer. CSSI asked Cinecenta to track down Chasing Ice and they got it! Jan 8, 9, 10 at 7:15 pm.

“...full of stunning images...using amazing time-lapse photography.” The New York Times

“Hauntingly beautiful!” Huffington Post

“You’ve never seen images like this before...Deserves to be seen on the big screen.”

Robert Redford

Teaching: a ready-made, practical exercise

“[Ready, Set, Solve] took the education outside the classroom and into the field,” said one 2011 participant. “[I] look forward to participating again next year. It does not get any better than that.”

“Giving students this incentive so that we could incorporate their fresh ideas and skill sets has been a big bonus for us,” added another.

The CRD has organized 25 real-world problems from local organizations and is challenging undergrads to solve them. At Gustavson, Service Management students will be able to choose between Ready, Set, Solve and creating a business plan. Other faculty members are welcome to use the program in other classes to expose students to valuable experiential learning and networking.

Bonus! All of the challenges have a sustainability or social responsibility angle, so you’ll be building Gustavson’s S pillar and meeting PRME goals at the same time you’re using a ready-made teaching tool!

Deadline for individuals and teams to register is January 20, 2013.

Teaching, social responsibility

Harvard’s $31 billion endowment is the largest in the US. Although the student body recently voted to ask the school to divest itself of fossil fuel stocks, the school (rather patronizingly) declined.

“We always appreciate hearing from students about their viewpoints, but Harvard is not considering divesting from companies related to fossil fuels,” Kevin Galvin, a university spokesman, said by e-mail.

Some smaller colleges, though, have responded more positively. This New York Times article about students asking colleges to combat climate change follows up last summer’s Rolling Stone article and the November 6, 2012 presentation at UVic’s Legacy Gallery, organized by Common Energy.