

Coming February 2026

34th Annual Eastern Carolina

Unnatural Resources Fair

Greenville Convention Center

Setup February 5, 2026 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

February 6, 2026 9 am - 7 pm
February 7, 2026 9 am - 6 pm
February 8, 2026 12 pm - 4 pm

Also occurring

The Sheppard Memorial Library Book Sale

Free Admission

The **Unnatural Resources Fair** is a place where you can display your creations and inventions made from normally discarded materials or leftovers from a larger project, i.e. **Unnatural Resources**.

Exercise your imagination and impress your friends by winning a ribbon or trophy. You can do it. All Eastern Carolina students and residents are encouraged to enter. Ribbons and trophies are awarded within each category and group combination.

Entry Categories

Art	Exercise & Sporting Equipment
Science	Home Use
Toys	Language Arts
Tools & Equipment	Social Studies/History
Music	Robots (Working)
Math	Miscellaneous

Competition Groups

Grades K—2	Young Adults 18—25
Grades 3—5	Adults
Grades 6—8	Senior Citizens
Grades 9—12	Group/Club Entries

View creative exhibits made from **Unnatural Resources** and learn the advantages of recycling from North Carolina companies.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Join the Fun of Reuse & Recycling
Start Your Entry Now

Register your Entry through the

www.unnaturalresources.org
website



Questions? Email Jacqueline G Ponder at jponder@unnaturalresources.org

34th Annual Eastern Carolina Unnatural Resources Fair Supplemental Information

Dear Students and Residents,

The Unnatural Resources Institute with the help of residents, volunteers and sponsors is celebrating recycling with the 34th Unnatural Resources Fair on February 6 - 8, 2026 with setup on February 5th from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

We ask participant to:

1. Create projects with 80% reused/recycled materials in order to qualify. Remember the entry can be started and completed anytime.
2. Identify a person or persons responsible for bringing and picking up participants' projects from the Greenville Convention Center.
3. Submit only one entry per person/group per category for this fair. *Entry forms are requested not later than February 1, 2026.* This is so the Unnatural Resources Institute can calculate space for fair entries, due to limited number of tables. After the 1st, entries will be accepted on space available basis. Please call 252-355-1039 if you have any questions.
4. Bring entries to the convention center on the setup date, February 5th between 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
5. If project is larger than a refrigerator contact Jacqueline Ponder at 252-355-1039 for consideration. This requirement is due to space limitations. If entries require electricity and if possible, they should be battery operated to demonstrate except lamps.

More Fair Information:

1. Entries will be judged on Thought, Expression, Creativity, Presentation, and Usefulness/Purpose. Trophies and ribbons will be given in all categories and group combinations. Judging will be finished by 2:00 pm on February 7th. See Website www.unnaturalresources.org for description of Categories.
2. All entries must be picked up from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 8th.
3. Online Entry forms are available at the Unnatural Resources Institute website at www.unnaturalresources.org . *If you are a teacher or group leader and will be submitting multiple entries, Please contact George Ponder at 252-355-1039 for special assistance and instructions. A excel spreadsheet is available.*
4. Please be sure and let us know you are participating by February 1. After the 1th, entries will be accepted on space available basis. Please call 252-355-1039 if you have any questions. Projects do not have to be finished until fair time. Entry forms may be faxed to George Ponder at 252-355-0414, emailed to gponder@unnaturalresources.org or mailed to the Unnatural Resources Institute 1316 Rondo Dr. Greenville NC 27858.

Thank you,

Jacqueline G. Ponder
Fair Chair

Have Questions? Contact Jacqueline G. Ponder jponder@unnaturalresources.org or 252-355-1039