Theme: Environmental Awareness

Goal: Increase participant’s understanding of global warming and the reality of its effects, as well as how to lessen your personal impact on global warming.

Group Size: Unlimited

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:  
- Instructor’s Guide  
- The Facts: What is Global Warming?  
- True or False sheets (photocopy enough for all participants)  
- Take Action: Reducing CO₂ Emission at Home  
- Wallet Size “Ten Things to Do” cards (20 included in program, may need to make more)

Setting: Any size room that will fit the group.

Activity Set up:

1. Be sure there are enough copies of “True or False?” and “Ten Things to Do” for all participants.
2. Pass out the “True or False?” handouts & ask participants to write down whether they think each statement is true or false. After they’re finished, let them know that all the statements are true.
3. Discuss content from “What is Global Warming?” Try to get participants involved by seeing how much they know about it first.
4. Split participants into teams of 3-4 people each. Give both teams a few minutes to come up with as many ways we can reduce our greenhouse gas levels as possible. The group with the most correct responses is the winner! (Prizes are optional.) Refer to “Take Action” handout for possible responses.
5. Lead a discussion concerning the scale of global warming. For example, ask participants to share their thoughts on how government policies (international, national, state, and local) either contribute to or help to reduce the problem of global warming. Be sure to also ask them to explain why some nations, states, and cities/regions contribute more greenhouse gasses than others.
6. OPTIONAL: Show participants the “Calculate Your Impact” calculator at http://www.climatecrisis.net/takeaction/carboncalculator/ and allow them to figure how much they are contributing to the global warming crisis.
7. OPTIONAL: Rent “An Inconvenient Truth” starring Al Gore and have residents watch after discussion. Offering free food during the movie is always a plus!
8. Refer to http://www.climatecrisis.net/ for more information on how to get more involved with this issue.