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Recycling rally set for Saturday

(Oct. 22, 2009) Troup County will host a Recycling Rally during Saturday's Parks and Recreation Cheerleading Extravaganza starting at 10 a.m. at LaGrange High School. At the rally, cheerleaders will compete to see who creates the best banner to promote recycling, with the winning team earning a pizza party.

Troup Recycles, a County committee devoted to promoting recycling, will be on hand to distribute literature about recycling. Koozies and stickers will be given to Extravaganza visitors who sign up for the new Troup Recycles Facebook page, which features news and updates on the recycling program.

The Recycling Rally is part of Troup County's initiative to promote recycling by informing residents about various ways they can recycle locally. In addition to items currently accepted at the Loyd Tatum Convenience Center, a new Recycling Center set to open there later this year will accept some recyclable items for the first time, including car batteries, motor oil and cooking oil.

"We already have recycling bins for newspaper, magazines, plastic, cardboard, metal and other items at most of our convenience centers," said Troup County Manager Mike Dobbs. "We hope to make it easier for residents to recycle by placing bins for additional items at Loyd Tatum. Our hope is that every time Troup County residents take trash to Loyd Tatum, they will see the recycling containers and be reminded of how easy it is to recycle."

Due to rain throughout the months of September and October, the new recycling station will not be open by its Nov. 14 target date, said Dobbs, adding that a dedication ceremony set for that date has been postponed until the center is complete.