

Help Fight Plastic Pollution One Straw At A Time

Two GA youth are asking schools around the world to join in their global OneLessStraw Pledge Campaign.

Olivia (14) and her brother Carter (16) recently launched a global [OneLessStraw Pledge](#) initiative in an effort to get people around the world to pledge to go straw-less for 30-days and here are just a few reasons why:

- Did you know that in America alone we are using an estimated 500-million single use plastic straws every single day?
- Did you know that plastic straws are not being recycled because they are too small and actually clog the sorting machines at recycle centers? That means that 100% of the 500-millions straws used everyday in America end up in our environment and waterways where they can harm animals.

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OneLessStraw.org
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THE CAMPAIGN:
Students will be asking their parents and businesses to take the OneLessStraw pledge and go strawless for 30 days.

SCHOOL FUND RAISER:
100% of the proceeds will go to the school to further the environmental education for students. If the school is not interested in collecting the pledged funds, the proceeds will support OMG's efforts.

OUR MISSION:
The OneLessStraw campaign strives to educate the public about the dangers of single use plastic straws, its effects on our health, our environment, and our oceans.

PARTNERS:
We have over 100 global partners joining us in this campaign. Please visit our [partners page](#).

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
Join us to help eliminate plastic drinking straws from our landfills, our streams, our oceans, and our beaches.

- Take the OneLessStraw Pledge.
- Encourage your favorite business or school to take the pledge and to only provide plastic straws on request. Also ask for them to use biodegradable or reusable options.
- Become a Sponsor of the OneLessStraw pledge campaign.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP:
500 million plastic straws are used and discarded every day in the United States alone. That's 175 Billion a year filtering into landfills and littering the oceans.

LEARN MORE:
Go to [www.OneLessStraw.org](#) to submit or download a pledge form, get more information and to get involved. Materials are also available in Spanish.

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Statistics:
Straws are among the **TOP 10** MARINE DEBRIS ITEMS.
44% of all MARINE SPECIES are harmed by straws.
22% of cetaceans have ingested plastic.
500,000,000 straws are used every day in the US.
46,400 straws to fill a large school bus (1000 seats).
Petroleum plastics are designed to last **FOREVER**.
In the last 20 years, 6,263,319 straws have been discarded.
Plastic constitutes 90% of all TRASH floating in the world's oceans.
Straws are one of the most common items found in GYRES (also known as GARBAGE PATCHES).
Straws are made of **POLYPROPYLENE**, a petroleum by-product, which is the same stuff that FUELS OUR VEHICLES.

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When Olivia and Carter saw the [video of a sea turtle with a plastic straw stuck up it's nose](#), they knew they had to do something so they created a campaign that targets the individual user, schools so they could share their information with their peers around the world and restaurants which hand out a large percentage of the straws we find in our environment everyday.



Now Olivia and Carter need your help, they are asking schools all over the country to consider participating in their [OneLessStraw Pledge Campaign](#) by signing the [School Pledge](#) and by allowing their students to sign the [Individual Pledge](#). They are also asking students to consider speaking to their favorite restaurants about the campaign and asking them to participate by [pledging to only hand out straws upon request](#). They even made up cool campaign buttons for servers to wear which they are giving out FREE. Please consider getting your school involved,

together we can be the solution to plastic pollution. For more information, please contact Olivia and Carter at [info@onemoregeneration.org](#)