



Truro Tae Kwon-Do Academy

World Environment Day Beach Clean 2008



In its native Korea, Tae Kwon-Do students are expected to go out into their communities and make improvements that will benefit their society and the local environment. General Choi, the Founder of Tae Kwon-Do (centre left) stipulated that this should be an integral part of Tae Kwon-Do training. In Cornwall, we have the opportunity to do both, cleaning our beaches making them look better, making them safer for our children and removing the plastics that kill so much of our marine and bird life.

Beach Clean – Perranporth, Cornwall – Saturday 7th June 2008



We were blessed with glorious weather for our World Environment Day beach clean on Saturday 7th June 2008. 22 Tae Kwon-Do students from Truro Tae Kwon-Do Academy (Truro GTI) plus one dog set off from Perranporth at 11am and walked 3 miles across Perranporth Dunes and Penhale Sands, along the Southwest Coast Path, picking as much litter as they could along the way.

A well-earned break at St Piran's Cross!

St Piran is the patron saint of tin miners and by default has become the patron saint of Cornwall.

The cross commemorates the site of his landing place when he first sailed from Ireland to Cornwall.





The students were given a choice of whether to continue on to the Lost Church of St Piran and St Piran's Oratory or head across the dunes to the beach – democracy prevailed and they set off down the dunes to Perranporth Beach!



Ben using his bag as a parachute down one of the steepest dunes in Cornwall!

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When you are labouring for others, let it be with the same zeal as if it was for yourself

Confucius



The home stretch, cleaning two-miles back across Perranporth Beach was a tough challenge but the students took it in their stride and did a great job.

All in all, over 20 bags of rubbish were removed from Perranporth Beach.

Well done to all involved and thank you for your hard work and dedication to both your Art and your local environment.

Cornwall Tae Kwon-Do GTI Beach Training

For those of you that know Cornwall GTI Tae Kwon-Do well, you won't be surprised that our beach clean ended with a training session on the beach!



You can't beat those refreshing press-ups in the sea after a hard day's work!



Finally, a trip to Perranporth couldn't end anywhere other than the Watering Hole Pub on the beach! Thanks to all involved for making this such a great day...



Liam Broderick
Instructor

Read more and view the images at: www.truro-taekwondo.com

About World Environment Day

From: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on 5 June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The World Environment Day slogan for 2008 is *Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy*. Recognising that climate change is becoming the defining issue of our era, UNEP is asking countries, companies and communities to focus on greenhouse gas emissions and how to reduce them. The World Environment Day will highlight resources and initiatives that promote low carbon economies and life-styles, such as improved energy efficiency, alternative energy sources, forest conservation and eco-friendly consumption.



The main international celebrations of World Environment Day 2008 will be held in New Zealand. UNEP is honoured that the city of Wellington will be hosting this United Nations day. The day's agenda is to give a human face to environmental issues; empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues; and advocate partnership, which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

More info at www.unep.org/wed/2008/english