



K-12 Tree Campus

Support for meeting your Program Goals

The Arbor Day Foundation has an opportunity for schools to be recognized as a K-12 Tree Campus. To meet the requirements, we at Baton Rouge Green, have put together a list of the steps that should be followed with suggestions on how to follow each. We hope to make this process easy for all who are interested!

To begin, please visit the [Arbor Day Foundation's K-12 Tree Campus page](#) and complete the [pledge](#).

Then, just follow the steps below.

PROGRAM GOALS AT A GLANCE

- Step 1- Form a Tree Campus Team
- Step 2- Develop an Education Plan
- Step 3- Have a Hands-On Experience
- Step 4- Have an Arbor Day Observance

Step 1



Form a Tree Campus Team

Who needs to be a part of your team?

- Your team needs at least one student.
- Your team needs at least one teacher.

What does your team need to do?

- Your team needs to meet regularly. Meetings can take place as frequently as your team wishes, but meetings should take place once a month at a minimum.
- Your team needs to report to a school leader on your goals and progress

Is there a way to make this easier?

Yes!

Your team can find extra help by including members of your community, other school organizations, or additional school staff who want to help.

Your team can even be a part of another green club on campus!

Step 2



Develop an Education Plan

The purpose of your education plan is to help members of your student body learn about trees.

- Your educational offering does not need to take place during the school day.
- Your education offering does not need to include the entire student body.

Your Education Plan Needs:

- A clearly stated purpose.
- A tree-related learning experience at the school-wide level or within individual classrooms. If there are multiple activities or lessons, you should provide a concise description and timeline for each offering.
- The participation count of students in each learning experience, along with the names of any community members or organizations contributing to the initiatives

Education Plan Ideas for Any Age Group

- Invite a local arborist or forester to present the work he or she does in urban and community forestry.
- Invite a local arborist or forester to give a pruning demonstration.
- Have your Tree Campus Team present to other students in the school.
 - **Presentation Ideas:**
 - Share the types of trees on your campus and how they can be identified.
 - Use [OurTree](#) to share the benefits of the trees in your community. Compare and contrast with trees in another community.

Education Plan Ideas for Elementary Students

- [Tree Diagram- Label the Parts of a Tree](#)
- [Leaf Study](#)
- [Deciduous Trees- vs- Evergreen Trees](#)

For Additional Education Plan Resources

- Visit [U.S. Forest Service- Teacher's Guide to Discovering the Forest](#)
- Visit [Project Learning Tree Curriculum Offerings](#)

Step 3



Hands-On Experience

Your hands-on experience should give students the opportunity to participate in planting, tending to, or celebrating trees within their community.

Please document the total hours volunteered by both students and staff

Hands-On Experience Ideas:

- Volunteer to plant a tree in your community.
- Plant a tree on your school's campus.
- Volunteer with a nonprofit for a "Tree Giveaway."
- Volunteer with a nonprofit for a "Pick Event" or lead your own.
- Plant seedlings and care for them- Use your Arbor Day Observance as an opportunity to have a give-away.
- Prune and maintain existing trees on your school's campus.

Step 4



Arbor Day Observance

Your Arbor Day celebration may take place either on the school premises or in collaboration with a nearby organization or entity, such as a participant in initiatives like Tree City USA, Tree Campus USA, or Tree Line USA programs. This could include involvement with municipal tree programs or local non-profit organizations focused on trees.

It is not necessary to hold your observance on Arbor Day. The event can be scheduled at a convenient time for the school, provided it maintains relevance to trees.

Your Hands-On Experience may coincide with the Arbor Day Observance, provided that both events align with the specified requirements.

Requirements:

- You must record of the date your Arbor Day Observance was held.
- You must with include your program's activities along with any media coverage, photos, and/or personal stories