

Projects to celebrate Earth Day

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Get your club involved in eco-activism.

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Greetings CKI!

Each spring during the month of April is a celebration called "Earth Day" that focuses on eco-activism in the community. Your CKI Club can participate in this global event through a variety of eco-friendly service projects that lend a hand to the environmental needs of your campus or community. Below is a list of sample projects for your club to try and if you ever need assistance planning a project please feel free to contact any member of the CKI Service Committee.

Yours,

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1. **Plant a Tree** – Call your local nursery to get a list of trees that grow best in your area; then your CKI club can determine the type of tree you should plant. Your club then can get together and choose a location (perhaps a location on-campus, with permission) to plant the tree. To make sure that it is supported enough to grow anchor your tree using a tree stake and wire to help keep it supported to grow.
2. **Waterfront Clean Up** - Coordinate a water improvement cleanup effort. Clean up a nearby beach or stream. Pick up floatable debris and record the materials you find to publish in your school's newspaper and share with everyone just how much of a difference your CKI club made. You can also team up with your campus environmental or sustainability club to have extra hands on deck!
3. **Environmental pledge tree** - Have students and faculty at your school sign an Earth Day pledge or put up a communal "pledge board" where people can write their environmental pledge for the year such as, "I will turn off the lights when I leave the room," or "I will turn off the water while shaving or brushing my teeth." To display the pledges, you can have people write their promises on cutout "leaves" placed on either a painted tree poster or onto a 3-D tree-like structure. Leaves also could be sold as a fund-raiser to donate to an environmental cause. To make this even more "green," use recycled paper!
4. **Parade for the planet** – Team up with your local K-Kids or Builders Club to plan an elementary or middle school parade for the planet. Let the children decorate their bicycles with environmentally friendly materials, create fun hats with environmental elements and have a parade around their school to show support for the environment.
5. **Campus Wide Clean Up** – Work with other organizations around your campus to plan an event to pick up trash and other garbage around your campus to help make it a cleaner and healthier place for everyone and to raise awareness about taking care of the earth.
6. **Host a Book Drive** – Email circlek@betterworldbooks.com to have supplies (collection boxes, tape, posters, signs, etc..) to run a Better World Books Book Drive for Better Lives. This is an excellent way for your club to do a fundraiser and make money for every book you collect. In addition, you will be saving these books from landfills and helping make a difference in the community by showing everyone that your CKI Club cares about literacy as well as taking care of books. For more information on hosting book drives you can also reference www.circlek.org and click on "Service."

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