



# Tree Campus K-12



An Arbor Day Foundation Program

## CONNECTING STUDENTS TO NATURE THROUGH TREES

Connection to the outdoors is a critical element of learning, and trees provide a context for youth to explore the natural world. The impacts of these experiences are both immediate and long-lasting.

**Tree Campus K-12** inspires the next generation of tree stewards through experiences that bring the benefits of trees to life both inside and outside the classroom. This program fosters positive connections between youth and the trees in their community and cultivates within its participants a lifelong respect for trees on a global scale.



## PROGRAM GOALS

**Tree Campus Team** – Establish a group with representation from staff, students, and community dedicated to achieving Tree Campus K-12 recognition.

**Education Plan** – Conduct activities that connect students to trees and their global benefits, inside or outside of the classroom.

**Hands-On Experience** – Engage students in a project that brings the school's tree spirit to the community.

**Arbor Day Observance** – Hold a celebration of trees within the school or the community.

Help Your School Receive Tree Campus K-12 Recognition Today

# Achieving Recognition



School champions define a strategy that works for their school.



With local collaborators, schools carry out education and engagement activities.



Schools submit a description of their achievements to the Arbor Day Foundation.



Qualifying schools are recognized, sharing their pride with the community.



## THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Trees benefit our planet in many ways. When people learn about these benefits in their youth, their potential to make a positive impact on their community and world with trees becomes even greater.

On your journey to meeting the annual program goals, your school can:

- Get help identifying partners in your community who can help bring more tree experiences to your school.
- Get to know the trees on your campus and in your community.
- Create a platform for educating your school community on the benefits of trees.
- Use the framework provided to bring the program to life in your school's unique way.

## HELP YOUR SCHOOL

### **Achieve Tree Campus K-12 Recognition Today**

You can be a driving force in connecting your students to nature through trees. Visit [treecampusk12.org](http://treecampusk12.org) to learn more about how your school can get involved.

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