

Youth Green Team

The children will take ownership of the Green Team—from Design Day through Build Day.

Age Appropriateness:

9-12, 13+

Key Topics:

Recycling

Composting

Environmental
Awareness

Skills:

Environmental
Education

Critical Thinking

Researching

Creativity

Materials:

Posterboard, Markers,
Plastic Gloves

Time Considerations:

15 minutes per week to
check in with the
Green Captain

1 hour per week to
reach out for resources
& learn about the proc-
ess of recycling and
composting

Work as the green
team **ALL DAY** on
Build Day

OBJECTIVES

- The youth will learn about the proper way to recycle, compost, and dispose of trash.
- They will serve as the Green Team on Build Day, informing the volunteers of what they have learned.



Preparation

- Research recycling, composting, and the disposal of garbage: What can you compost and recycle? Where does your garbage, recycling, and composting waste go?
- Discuss the goals of the Green Team. Brainstorm where you can do your outreach to accomplish these goals.

Action

- Have the children work with the adult Green Captain throughout the planning process (secure dumpsters, recycling and composting bins, plan for drinking water, leftover food, etc).
- Make signs of what can be composted and recycled on Build Day.
- Have kids sort the trash from the Prep Day and Build Day meals into composting, recycling, and trash bins (use Prep Day as a practice day and informational session before Build Day).
- Let the children create trivia questions for Build Day (you can give the raffle prizes to the volunteers with the correct answers).
- Feel free to come up with additional Build Day Activities as well.

Reflection

Talk about the impact the children had on Build Day: How much trash was taken to the landfill? How much waste was reduced because of their efforts?

Talk about the impact they can have in their everyday lives by being environmentally responsible. Tell them to share what they've learned with their friends and family!