

Montana District KEY CLUB

Introducing the 2009-10 Governor's Project... Greenpeace USA!

About Greenpeace USA...

If you attended this last District Convention, and you saw my caucus speech, you would know that I chose Greenpeace USA as my governor's project for 2009-10.

Greenpeace USA originated in 1971 by a group of concerned citizens that wanted to help not just reduce, but inform others of the environmental dangers in the world.

In the past 30 years since Greenpeace originated, they have helped put a ban on commercial whaling, convinced the world's leaders to stop nuclear testing, protect Antarctica, and so much more. Now with the rising threat of natural catastrophes like global warming, I feel that by picking Greenpeace USA, I feel that the Montana District could do its part in making the world a better place.

If Greenpeace USA being my governor's project isn't enough motivation to do anything for it, maybe these facts will help sway you a little bit.

- If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25 million trees a year.
- Americans throw away 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups every year, and 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles every hour.
- The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years
- 84% of a typical household's waste (including food scraps, yard waste, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles) can be recycled.



How You Can Help...

There are many things that you and your club can do to go green. You can start out with things in your life like using your heater less (I know, we live in Montana and those Snuggly blanket things look ridiculous). But there are a lot of other things your Key Club can do to make the world a better place! If you can't think of any, here are some ideas to get your brain rolling...

Adopt A Highway- A maintenance cooperation that lets groups of individuals make a lasting impact on their environment by cleaning an adopted portion of a highway. Plus, the sign that says what part of the highway is adopted is great recognition for your club! For more info, please visit <http://www.adoptahighway.com/>

Recycling Contests- Have your Key Club host a recycling contest within your club, school, or even community! Set aside a week or two for people to donate their recycled goods, and whoever has the largest weight of recycled goods gets rewarded with an activity like a pizza party or a gift certificate to a local store.

Recycling Rallies- Host a barbecue for people to come to, and randomly have facts and statistics about the benefits of recycling or

the risks of pollution. Also, besides having a trash can, have recycling bins for paper, plastic, and aluminum goods so people can practice going green in their everyday lives!

Recycling (in general)- Recycling is easy, and many people are willing to help with this. You can go to local businesses and ask them to donate their unused paper or plastics, they will most likely donate to the cause. If they do donate, make sure you frequently go back to these places to get more things to recycle, maybe they'll even let your clubs set up recycling bins at these places, too.

Planting Trees or Flowers- On days like Labor Day, Arbor Day, or any other day ending in "y", go to your local garden or other designated planting area and plant some trees and flowers. It won't only make a place look more presentable, it'll also benefit your environment by adding more trees and flowers to the atmosphere.

These are only a few of the many things a club can do to go green, these are only the basics. When doing a service project, make sure you DON'T LITTER (no one likes a litterbug). Also keep in mind that you can get an award at District Convention for doing something with the Governor's Project. But keep on serving and changing the world, Mother Nature will thank you.

Global Warming

Recycling
changing
the world

Roots of
Service

Picking up litter



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