



The Mission of Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful is to provide environmental education and volunteer opportunities to develop individual responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Keep Our School Beautiful

Keep Our School Beautiful (KOSB) is a service club for schools in Hillsborough County designed to complement existing service clubs or stand on its own. KOSB shares current environmental issues, opportunities, and practices with our youth. The goals of the KOSB club are to encourage students to take an active role in the ecological health of their community by mirroring the mission of Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful. Through hands-on participation in these programs, students will be stewards of their own environment and better equipped to communicate these issues to their peers.

Goals

1. Create environmental awareness/stewardship.
2. Promote recycling.
3. Assist the school in the education of environmental issues.
4. Provide community service hours & opportunities.
5. Empower students to take a proactive approach to environmental concerns.
6. Broaden the awareness of the negative effects litter has on our environment.
7. Instill a sense of common mutual responsibility for service.
8. Offer leadership opportunities.

Requirements

- Submit both the KOSB registration at the beginning of the school year and the annual report at the end of the school year
- Consist of 5 or more students and 1 adult representative/advisor/sponsor
- Hold a minimum of 6 meetings a year.
 - A. For elementary you can discuss during school hours
- Elect officers, consisting of a club president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer if possible – (Exempt for elementary)
- Teacher should complete the annual site captain training
- Participate in the following Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful programs:
 - A. Participate in one of the following main cleanups
 - A. After Gasparilla Cleanup (Jan)
 - B. Great American Cleanup (March 25-June)
 - C. Hillsborough River and Coastal Cleanup (September)
 - D. If you cannot make the above cleanups, then plan a cleanup as a group at an area of your choosing

- Develop and implement a school specific project each year involving either:
 - Community/School Beautification
 - Conservation
 - Environmental Education
 - Recycling/Waste Reduction

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Club Projects

KOSB clubs are required to develop and implement a school specific project each year. Innovative and exemplary projects from a club in good standing may be recognized at a Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Board Meeting and/or the Annual Awards Breakfast. Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful may be able to help provide tools, resources, materials, and equipment to assist with the implementation of your project. Please contact us in advance to discuss your project and its needs.

Project Examples

1. Community/School Beautification:
 - Create or improve a green space (edible garden, butterfly garden, landscaping, etc.)
 - Invasive plant removal
 - Litter Removal
 - Graffiti Abatement
 - Tree/Seedling Planting
 - Create a project for Florida Arbor Day
2. Conservation
 - Create and implement an energy conservation plan
 - Create and implement a water conservation plan
 - Create a reusing initiative at your school for example a scrap paper bin, water bottles, books, etc
 - Create a project for Earth Day
3. Environmental Education:
 - Education Presentation
 - Create a video presentation about Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
 - Create a Public Service Announcement (PSA)
 - Mentor younger individuals and share environmental knowledge
 - Create an environmental education Puppet Show/Musical/Play
4. Recycling/Waste Reduction:
 - Create or improve upon the current recycling program at your school
 - Create a boat made from 70% recycled materials to race in the annual regatta sponsored by Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
 - Adopt a Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Bin in order to recycle fishing line
 - Participate and/or create a project for America Recycles Day