Slytherin Submission

Campus-Wide Eco-Challenges

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Summary (150 words):

Slytherin aims to promote sustainability through innovative approaches like gamification and AI-powered engagement. Our project focuses on creating a Campus Eco-App where students earn points for eco-friendly actions, such as reducing water use, cycling to college, or participating in recycling initiatives. The app integrates a leaderboard to foster healthy competition and rewards top contributors with incentives like vouchers or recognition. Additionally, an AI-powered chatbot embedded in the app will provide instant answers to sustainability-related queries and offer daily actionable tips. This project combines technology and community engagement to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and achieve tangible reductions in the ecological footprint. By gamifying sustainability and providing personalized AI guidance, we envision increased participation, improved resource use, and lasting environmental awareness.

Problem Identification (50-100 words):

Our campus faces challenges in driving active participation in sustainability practices. Students and staff lack awareness about individual ecological footprints and their role in reducing them. Current efforts are fragmented, with no centralized platform to track or incentivize eco-friendly actions.

Solution Overview (100-150 words):

We propose a solution that involves monitoring sound levels around the school using IoT-enabled noise sensors. These sensors will collect real-time data on sound levels at different times of the day. Based on the data, we will identify peak noise periods and create a targeted poster campaign to raise awareness among students, staff, and the surrounding community about the impacts of noise pollution and how to reduce it.

Implementation Plan:

Development Phase:

a. Build the app with gamification features, leaderboards, and chatbot integration.
b. Integrate IoT tools like water usage monitors and recycling trackers for accurate data collection.

Launch Phase:

c. Deploy the app campus-wide, host awareness sessions, and incentivize early participation.

Engagement Phase:

d. Organize monthly challenges, monitor participation, and provide consistent updates and rewards.

Evaluation:

e. Use data analytics to measure reductions in resource use and gather community feedback for improvements.

Technical Details (100-150 words):

The technical aspect of our solution involves using IoT noise sensors that measure The Campus Eco-App will leverage IoT for tracking sustainable actions, such as water usage and waste management. Gamification features like leaderboards and badges will enhance engagement. The embedded AI chatbot, powered by natural language processing (NLP), will offer instant answers to sustainability-related queries and daily tips based on user behavior. Cloud-based storage will manage activity logs and support data analytics for generating actionable insights. The app will be built using scalable and open-source frameworks to ensure cost-effectiveness and adaptability for other institutions.

Expected Outcome:

The project aims to achieve:

- A 25% increase in participation in sustainability efforts.
- A 20% reduction in campus waste and resource consumption within six months.
- Greater environmental awareness and adoption of eco-friendly habits.

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A Gamified Solution: The Campus Eco-App

Points for Action

The app encourages participation through a points system. Users earn points for completing eco-friendly tasks, like recycling, using reusable items, or opting for sustainable transportation. This motivates users to actively contribute to the campus's sustainability goals.

Leaderboards and Rewards

Fostering friendly competition, the app features leaderboards that display top contributors, creating a sense of community and friendly rivalry. The app also offers rewards to top performers, such as gift cards, exclusive access to events, or recognition on campus.

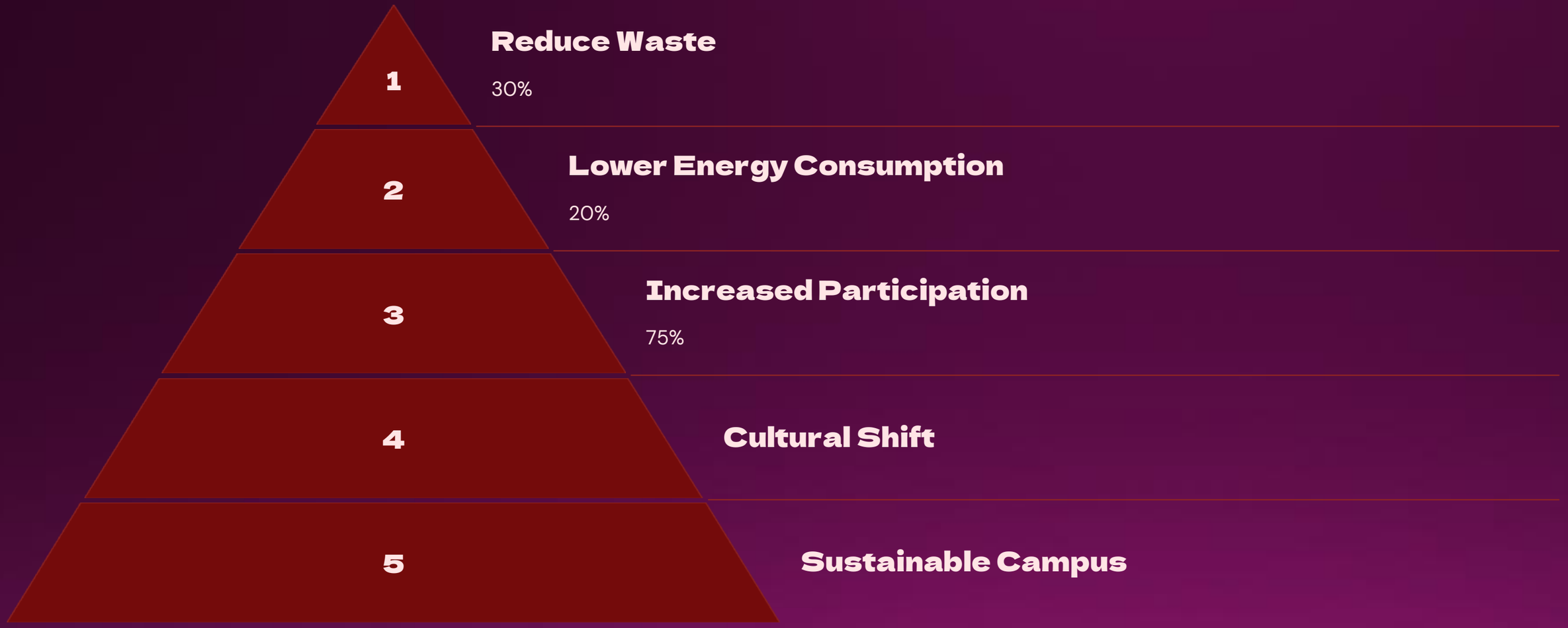
Community Challenges

The app introduces regular challenges, promoting collaborative efforts toward shared sustainability goals. These challenges encourage team work and collective responsibility. Participants work together to reach targets, fostering a sense of camaraderie and achievement.

AI-Powered Insights

The app utilizes AI to provide personalized sustainability tips based on user activity. This personalized approach guides users to make more informed eco-friendly choices in their daily lives. The app also offers educational resources and information about environmental issues.

Impact and Next Steps



The Campus Eco-App presents a unique opportunity to transform your institution into a beacon of sustainability. By combining gamification with data-driven insights, this app fosters a positive cultural shift, promoting environmental awareness, and driving meaningful change. Let's work together to create a greener, more sustainable campus community.