

EcoClub Community Service Project Ideas

- Create a lecture series at school and broader community (invite science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) professionals and others to speak).
- Arrange guided nearby school nature walks after school.
- Work to decrease use of plastic bags by convincing grocery stores and retailers to pay customers 5 or 10 cents back for every recyclable bag they use at check-out or conversely charging for each plastic bag someone uses.
- Arrange for school/community clean-ups of beaches/wetlands etc.
- Write articles and submit pictures for use in KEC digital library to raise eco-consciousness.
- Create and edit a short conservation film for use on KEC site.
- Work to change policies or laws regarding use of plastic bags (provide insight as to cities which have banned the use of plastic bags).
- Make and/or create partnership with people and/or entities to make owl nesting boxes for the community and other schools (can run like small business – contact KEC for plans).
- Conduct school energy audit with help from STEAM professionals and present suggestions to school to save energy.
- Create phone, computer and electrical recycling center at your school.
- Compost.
- Create gardens (water wise, food, butterfly etc.).
- Start chicken coop at school (can run like business and even sell eggs).
- Rain barrel systems to capture rain water for use.
- Stop use of plastic water bottles on campus.
- Start an orchard.
- Take guided club camping trips and field trips.
- Participate in leadership training through KEC and its partners.
- Apply for a grant to sustain an eco-project important to the club.
- Participate in KEC's Fallen Fruit Project - start a fruit and/or vegetable exchange (get people to agree to allow their excess fruit or vegetables to be picked and swap for other, or donate to school children in need).

- Arrange for stores and malls that do not have recycling pick-up to have recycling pick-up and containers (i.e., Starbucks).
- Get one teacher/science department/school to adopt some or all of EEI curriculum for use in your school.
- Zero waste from school lunches (compost, recycle etc.).
- Start program to recycle/reuse school books and uniforms.
- Find an area in need of more greenery and have a tree-planting day (helpful resources: arborday.org, tree-planting.com, and treemusketeers.com).
- Test the water and soil in your neighborhood in order to better understand the chemical composition of your environment and the water you drink.
- Organize a vacant lot cleanup in order to reduce the amount of litter as well as beautify a previously unsightly area.
- Help to remove non-native plant species from areas where their presence is taking over the nutrients, water, and life of native plant species (Contact the local Parks and Recreation Department to learn more about this).
- Participate in a beach cleanup (also could be lakes, rivers, parks, estuaries, or ponds). Contact Coastal Commissions – in California they sponsor a statewide Coastal Cleanup.
- Help prevent erosion by planting greenery (suitable for the location) in places that are at risk.
- Label/clean gutters and drains. Think of innovative/creative ways to remind people about the dangers of dumping waste into their gutters and discourage them from doing so.
- Host locally-grown snack stands at school/community events (coordinate with local farmers).
- School your class on e-waste disposal (define it, explain it, brainstorm it).