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Keep Smyrna Beautiful
School Partnership Opportunities
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Contact Information

Please contact Julie Barwig, Keep Smyrna Beautiful Executive Director, at jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov or (770) 431-2863 with questions about:

- School grants
- Teacher scholarships
- Scheduling Smyrna Recycling Center tours

Please contact Eloise Holland, Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator, at eholland@smyrnaga.gov or (678) 631-5519 with questions about:

- Requesting volunteers for campus beautification projects
- Scheduling environmental education activities at school
- Adopt-a-Tree

If you're not sure who to contact, please reach out to either Julie or Eloise, and we will do our best to answer your questions. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants

Keep Smyrna Beautiful provides grants to Smyrna public schools for up to \$1,000 each school year. These grants are funded through KSB's Annual Garden Tour. Schools may apply for grants to assist with beautification, recycling, or other outdoor campus improvement project. All projects must have principal approval, but KSB does not require the principal to oversee the project. We encourage applicants to have key teachers, school staff, parents, and students involved in the creation and execution of projects funded by KSB grant money.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful can assist with the application process as well as answer any questions about the application process or grant eligibility.

[Grant application](#) (opens 8/1/23)

[Grant Guidelines](#)

[Reporting Form](#)

Keep Smyrna Beautiful Teacher Scholarships

Keep Smyrna Beautiful offers Smyrna public school teachers continuing education scholarships to attend trainings in environmental education. Funding is available for up to \$500 for course/training fees, lodging, substitutes, etc. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from August 1, 2023-May 1, 2024.

[Application](#)

School Campus Beautification

Great American Cleanup

As part of the nation's largest community improvement program, the Great American Cleanup, Keep Smyrna Beautiful hosts litter cleanups and beautification projects on school campuses in the City of Smyrna.

If you are interested or looking for volunteers for the Great American Cleanup please provide us with the number of volunteers you need, a time frame, and a project summary. Request for volunteers should be made at least four to six weeks in advance, so we have time to do outreach for volunteers. If the school has their own volunteers, they may instead request litter cleanup supplies, including pickers, safety vests, gloves, and trash bags. Availability of supplies will depend on other events and requests.

Please note that if you have applied and been approved for the Keep Smyrna Beautiful school grant, volunteers can be used during this day of service in order to assist with any projects outlined in the grant proposal.

Offered: April-June. Submit requests four to six weeks in advance through our [online request form](#).

Adopt-a-Tree

Adopt-a-Tree is a program that rescues small and/or young trees from properties that are slated for development, are no longer wanted by a homeowner, or from a community event. Tree seedlings are available to schools free of charge.

Please note that the quantity and type of trees is limited to our current inventory and the inventory changes regularly. Common tree types in stock are: oak, sycamore, dogwood, and maple.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful can assist with providing volunteers to plant the trees upon request.

Offered: November-March

Elementary School Environmental Education

Paper Making Demonstrations

Keep Smyrna Beautiful offers paper making demonstrations for schools, which demonstrates how a piece of paper can be recycled into a brand-new sheet of paper. During the demonstration, the Keep Smyrna Beautiful representative will talk about the recycling process and discuss what items can be recycled. This demonstration is best suited to students between the ages of 6-8 years old but can be adapted for younger ages.

Offered: Monday- Friday, scheduled as needed with each school or class.

Georgia Standard Addressed: S3L2

EnviroScape Demonstration: Water Pollution Education, Clean Water is Essential

This water pollution activity is perfect for 3rd graders but can also be appropriate for students in adjacent grades. During the demonstration, the Keep Smyrna Beautiful representative will use the EnviroScape model to discuss point source and nonpoint source pollution. The model showcases stormwater runoff and the effects of pollutants on the health and wildlife.

Offered: Monday- Friday, scheduled as needed with each school or class.

Georgia Standard Addressed: S3L2 (potential for S4E3)

Recycling Education: There Is No "Away"

These recycling education activities are perfect for 3rd graders but can also be appropriate for students in adjacent grades. Activities will include an exploration of different materials and discussion of what materials can be recycled, an activity to promote understanding of the amount of material that has the potential to be recycled, and the effects on water health and wildlife.

Offered: Monday- Friday, scheduled as needed with each school or class.

Georgia Standard Addressed: S3L2

Recycling Center Tours

Keep Smyrna Beautiful supports the City of Smyrna Recycling Center. In partnership with the recycling center, Keep Smyrna Beautiful can provide the following education services:

- In-depth tour of the recycling center and how things are processed and assorted
- Teaching the importance of recycling
- Teaching the differences between things that are recyclable and things that aren't
- Hands-on activities as time allows, including papermaking

Please note our recycling education services are offered to groups of no more than 30 per tour. Transportation must be provided by the school.

Tour Guidelines

Offered: Mondays primarily, although tours may be scheduled Monday-Friday as needed.

Georgia Standard Addressed: S3L2

Project WET, Wild, and Learning Tree Activities

With a certified educator on staff, Keep Smyrna Beautiful offers a variety of environmental education activities using Project WET, Wild, and Learning Tree materials.

Project WET materials cover water education, Project Wild materials cover wildlife education, and Project Learning Tree covers material about trees, forests, and the environment. The curriculum that can be provided can be used from Pre-K-8 grades and can incorporate a variety of subject matters including visual arts, language arts, math, physical education, science, social studies, and performing arts.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful will work with each school/class to determine which activity is appropriate for the grade level and subject matter being requested.

Offered: Monday- Friday, scheduled as needed with each school or class.

Georgia Standard Addressed: S2E3, S3L2, S4E3, S4L1 (depends on activity)

Georgia Standards Summary

The following standards are addressed in one or more of Keep Smyrna Beautiful's educational activities:

S2E3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about how weather, plants, animals, and humans cause changes to the environment.

S3L2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the effects of pollution (air, land, and water) and humans on the environment.

S4E3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to demonstrate the water cycle.

S4L1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the roles of organisms and the flow of energy within an ecosystem.