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Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Group Engagement Opportunities
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Group Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-a-Mile

If your group is interested in a regular volunteer opportunity, consider adopting a mile. Groups who adopt a mile stretch of roadway commit to cleaning it at least four times annually. Keep Smyrna Beautiful organizes quarterly cleanup dates, however, groups can clean as their schedule allows. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. All volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Litter Cleanups

Groups can work with Keep Smyrna Beautiful to organize one-time litter cleanups in an area of their choice or at a location suggested by KSB. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. All volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Storm Drain Marking

Storm drain marking involves placing eye-catching decals on top of the storm drains to inform the public that dumping into storm drains is not permitted. KSB will provide supplies and training for this one-time event. Volunteers must be at least 8 years old to participate. All volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Invasive Species Removal

Volunteers will thin out and remove non-native invasive species, including Chinese privet and English ivy, on a plot of land in Smyrna. This involves using tools like privet pullers, loppers, and the like. KSB provides supplies and onsite supervision. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. All volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Please note our recycling education services are offered to groups of no more than 15 per tour. Transportation must be provided by the school.

Any further questions or to schedule a group or individual tour please contact Julie Barwig at (770) 431-2863 or jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov.

Educational Presentations

Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff can present on a range of topics for local civic groups, churches, and businesses. Some topics include:

- **Keep Smyrna Beautiful:** the role, activities, and impact of the organization on the city
- **Recycling:** recycling options in Smyrna, tips, and information about the Smyrna Recycling Center
- **Hefty EnergyBag Program:** information about this innovative program to stretch the life of hard-to-recycle plastics
- **Litter:** Litter impact (utilizing results from the national Keep America Beautiful study) and what KSB is doing to end litter

If there's a topic you're interested in that you don't see here, please be in touch with Eloise Holland at (678) 631-5519 or eholland@smyrnaga.gov and we'll let you know if we can help.

Workshops for Children and Youth

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.

Offered: Monday- Friday, scheduled as needed with each group or class. Contact Eloise Holland at (678) 631-5519 or eholland@smrynaga.gov for details.

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 group or class. Contact Eloise Holland at (678) 631-5519 or eholland@smrynaga.gov for details.

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 group or class. Contact Eloise Holland at (678) 631-5519 or eholland@smrynaga.gov for details.

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 in order to determine which activity is appropriate for the grade level and subject matter being requested.

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