



December Theme: Acts of Kindness

Due Date: December 29, 2023

Challenge #12: Give Back Event

Your challenge is to plan a volunteer event, tree planting, vacant lot clean-up, food drive, clothing drive, etc. to give back to your community. The event should reach a wider community than just your class or club. This is a great way for you to share with your fellow students and community members about the work you have been doing this semester!

Challenge #13: Natural Gifts

The season of giving can be resource intensive and financially stressful. Your challenge is to create a gift using natural items that were either found, harvested, or collected locally. Explore your creativity! The gift can be as large or small as you want, but should show thoughtful planning and effort was put into it.

**“There is no key to happiness; the door
is always open.”**

~ Mother Teresa



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Challenge #12: Give Back Event

December

Description

Your challenge is to plan a volunteer event, tree planting, vacant lot clean-up, food drive, clothing drive, etc. to give back to their community. You are encouraged to work in a group to plan and execute the event. The event should reach a wider community than just your class or club. This is a great way for you reach out to your fellow students and community members about the work you have been doing this semester!



Resources

For further support in connecting with your community, email us at greenteens@civicgardencenter.org.

Steps to Success

- Step 1:** Read the description (above) and rubric (next page) for Challenge #12.
- Step 2:** Determine what kind of event you would like to have (tree planting, native pollinator garden installation, can drive, clothing drive, lot clean-up).
- Step 3:** Set the date for the event. (Make sure to check the school calendar!)
- Step 4:** Assign tasks to group members (photographer, scheduler, coordinator, etc.).
- Step 5:** Use the rubric on the next page to plan your event.
- Step 6:** Host the event.
- Step 7:** Write your reflection.
- Step 8:** Make sure your name and email are written clearly and that you have submitted all pieces of your submission.
- Step 9:** Review the rubric to make sure you have met all the “Full Points” column.
- Step 10:** Submit and celebrate!

Don't forget the rubric on the next page!

Challenge #12: Give Back Event Rubric

	Full Points	Half Points	No Points
Planning and Prep	Submitted event plan includes where and how materials were gathered as well as promotional materials to advertise the event	Submitted event plan is missing materials lists or promotional materials	Submission is unclear or missing an event plan
Event	Submission includes six captioned photos showing the full scope of the event (including but not limited to prep, day of and cleanup)	Submission includes fewer than six photos or photos do not share the full scope of the event or photos are missing captions	Submission includes fewer than three photos
Personal Reflection	Personal reflection is five sentences about the experience	Personal reflection is three sentences about the experience	Reflection is less than 3 sentences
Student Information	Student names and email addresses are clearly written		Student names and email addresses are missing
Due Date	Challenge was submitted by the due date of December 29		Challenge was not submitted by due date

Did you...

- Complete the Steps to Success checklist on the previous page?
- Make note of the submission due date?
- Email us for support (greenteens@civicgardencenter.org)?

Standards Alignment

- Meets these ELA standards: SL.9-10.1b, SL.11-12.1b

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Resources

For inspiration and ideas, see <https://civicgardencenter.org/green-teens-challenge>. For further support, email us at greenteens@civicgardencenter.org.

Steps to Success

- Step 1:** Read the description (above) and rubric (next page) for Challenge #13 and check out the link above for some ideas to help get you started!
- Step 2:** Determine what gift you are going to make and what natural elements you are going to collect from. Remember to take photos during the collection process. Also remember to document what plants you are using.
- Step 3:** Gather additional materials.
- Step 4:** Begin making your gift.
- Step 5:** Follow or edit your plan as necessary. Document the process with photos.
- Step 6:** Finish making your gift.
- Step 7:** Give your gift to whomever you decide. Take pictures of the gift once completed!
- Step 8:** Make sure your name and email are written clearly and that you have submitted all pieces of your submission.
- Step 9:** Review the rubric to make sure you have met all the “Full Points” column.
- Step 10:** Submit and celebrate!

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Challenge #13: Natural Gifts Rubric

	Full Points	Half Points	No Points
Plan	Submission includes a plan for the craft, a materials list and the intended gift recipient	Submission is missing one component from the Full Points section	Submission is missing more than one component from the Full Points section
Collection	At least two items used for making the gift were found, harvested or collected locally; materials list clearly labels these items and where they were found	At least one item used for making the gift was found, harvested or collected locally; materials list clearly labels this item and where it was found	No items were found, harvested or collected locally
Execution	Submission includes three photos of the creation process (one before, one during and one after)	Submission is missing one of the three photos listed in the Full Points section	Submission is missing more than one photo listed in the Full Points section
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- **Meets these ELA standards:** RST.11-12.7, RST.11-12.8, RST.11-12.9
- **Meets these Math standards:** MP.2, MP.4
- **Meets these Science standards:** HS-ETS1-2