



An Arbor Day Foundation Program

Make the Pledge: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/tree-campus-k-12/pledge.cfm>

(No commitment, you are just letting Arbor Day Foundation Tree Campus K-12 know you're considering applying in spring 2023.)

*\*It is not necessary to have participated in Tree Week 2022 to earn Tree Campus USA K-12 recognition, but your Tree Week 2022 participation will help your application.*

Once you've Signed the Pledge, click on **Apply for Recognition** when you are ready to apply, any time before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. Below are suggested responses if helpful.

We recommend waiting to apply until you've observed **Arbor Day 2023, Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### School Information

Name

Address (recognition materials)

Phone Number

Grades Served

Type of school (public, private, charter...)

Principal Name/E-mail

### Primary Application Contact

Name & Email

Role (Teacher)

### Goal 1: Tree Campus Team

- How many members (teachers, students, parents as applicable)?
  - Can be SEE KY team or other after-school club, class, grade level etc.
- How frequently does the team meet?
  - Each meeting does not have to exclusively involve trees.

### Goal 2: Education Plan

- Tree Campus Education Plan
  - No length requirement for Tree Campus Education Plan. You can describe your SEE KY, Green Team, 8<sup>th</sup> grade/Bio/4<sup>th</sup> grade class, grade level's *overall* goal/purpose, *to include* but not limited to, trees.
  - Example: "Our Green Team addresses sustainability in all areas, including energy, solid waste, water quality, outdoor learning and trees. Our annual goals are organic and evolve depending on student interest, local community partnerships and funding, but for the [22-23] school year we participated in Lexington's Tree Week by [.....]. We shared our activities with the school community through [.....]. Our students learned [.....] through this activity and some of their favorite component(s) were [.....]."
  - Include 1-4 photos of students with campus tree(s). If you participated in Planting with the Principal, let Tresine know if you need images.
- Date plan was established

- When did you/your students decide to participate in Tree Week 2022?
- Total number of students engaged this school year
  - Include students directly and indirectly impacted by Tree Week 2022 and Arbor Day 2023 activities.

### Goal 3: Hands-On Experience

- Hands-on Experience Description
  - Describe Tree Week 2022 and/or Arbor Day 2023 activity(ies)
- Hands-On Experience Date(s).
- Total # of students engaged in Hands-On Experience.
- Types of organizations involved in Hands-On Experience.
  - Did any of these community partners help for Tree Week 2022?
    - UK Urban Forest Initiative
    - LFUCG Grounds Supervisor (Stephen Mazzoni)
    - Local nonprofit TreesLexington
    - LFUCG Urban Forestry
    - Local arborist
- Supplemental documents
  - Include images of hands-on activity.
  - If you have additional documents (announcement, flyer, stories/drawings) submit here.

### Goal 4: Arbor Day Observance

- Arbor Day Observance Description
  - Find Arbor Day activities here: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/tree-campus-k-12/helpful-resources.cfm>
  - Arbor Day Celebration does not need to be school-wide, more than one class period or time-intensive. Potential ideas:
    - Mulch your favorite campus tree.
    - Calculate benefits for students' favorite campus tree.
    - Mindfulness campus tree walk.
    - Read library books on trees (ask Tresine for book list if you need help).
    - Write stories/draw pictures of students' favorite campus tree.
    - Schedule an in-person or virtual *Ask An Arborist* (let Tresine know if you need help).
    - Plant a campus tree.
    - Student presentation to peers about the importance of trees.
    - School and/or school community Arbor Day announcement(s) and awareness.
    - Map your campus trees (what/how many species). Need help from local nonprofit TreesLexington? Let Tresine know.
- Total number of students engaged in Arbor Day Observance.
  - Does not need to include whole school. Can be club, class, grade level etc.
- Types of organizations involved in Arbor Day observance?
  - Did any of these community partners help for Arbor Day 2023?
    - UK Urban Forest Initiative
    - LFUCG Grounds Supervisor (Sue Marshall)
    - Local nonprofit TreesLexington
    - LFUCG Urban Forestry
    - Local arborist
- Supplemental documents
  - Include images of Arbor Day observance/activity(ies).
  - If you have additional documents (announcement, flyer, stories/drawings) submit here.

### Additional Questions

- Willing to be featured in a case study about Tree Campus K-12?

- How did you find out about Tree Campus K-12?
- How many trees did your school help plant (on or off campus) this past school year?
  - It's ok if the answer is 0. They understand planting is difficult for many schools and are calculating this data point for their records, not for recognition criteria.

