

August 2016 Newsletter



"Participating in the Green Team brings an awareness to students of their responsibilities as stewards of our earth and empowers them to take action to make a difference."

- Susan Simmons, Helen R. Donaghue School, Merrimac

Hello GREEN TEAM Teachers!

Hello GREEN TEAM Teachers! Summer is flying by and we are busy preparing for another exciting school year. GREEN TEAM kits will be mailed in September, but registration for the 2016-2017 school year is already open. [Register now](#) so you are ready for the upcoming school year. GREEN TEAM registrations do not carry over into the new school year, so remember to register again even if you participated last year.

We have [recycling equipment](#) in stock at three locations throughout the state. To request FREE recycling and compost bins, please [register](#) for the 2016-2017 school year and then submit a [recycling equipment request form](#). The Boston area location will have three scheduled distribution dates for the 2016-2017 school year. The first distribution date is September 22. There will also be distribution dates in November and April.

Equipment distribution from the Amherst and Pittsfield locations are by appointment. Schools requesting recycling equipment will receive more information about scheduling a pick-up once their request is processed.

[GREEN TEAM Spotlight, GREEN TEAM in the Media, and GREEN TEAM Photo Gallery](#)

Check out the great photos and stories on [THE GREEN TEAM website](#). Throughout the school year, send us photos and stories about the great work you are doing to share in [THE GREEN TEAM Photo Gallery](#) and [THE GREEN TEAM Spotlight!](#)

If your school is covered in the local media, let us know and we'll add it to [THE GREEN TEAM in the Media!](#)

School Programs, Events, Competitions and Professional Development

Check out the many grant opportunities, workshops, and conferences available as the school year starts up!

Aug 1 – Registration opens for [Recycle-Bowl](#) and [America Recycles Day](#). America Recycles Day is on November 15.

Aug 8-11 - New England Association of Chemistry Teachers (NEACT) [Summer Conference](#) at MCLA in North Adams. The conference focus is on Natural Chemistry and includes workshops on ocean chemistry, solar energy, and chemical ecology.

Aug 17 – [Massachusetts Energy Workshop](#) at the Museum of Science in Boston sponsored by the [NEED Project](#). Free workshop for K-12 educators on energy and building science.

Aug 18 – Two workshops for teachers of grades 2-12 are available at the Harvard Forest Summer Institute for Teachers in Petersham. Register for [Buds, Leaves, and Global Warming](#) or [Woolly Bully and the Hemlock Trees](#)

Aug 20 – Project Learning Tree [Early Childhood Experience Module](#) training in Canton for PreK-K teachers. Pre-register by August 13.

Aug 25-26 - Workshop for teachers of grades 2-12 at the Harvard Forest Summer Institute for Teachers in Petersham on [Our Changing Forests](#).

Aug 28 – [Back to School Gardens](#) workshop for educators at the Massachusetts Horticulture Society in Wellesley.

Aug 31 – Application deadline for Chartwells' [Eat. Learn. Live. and Grow Grant](#). Grants for between

\$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to expand or establish gardening programs at K-12 schools.

Sept 1 – Application deadline for [Mass Agriculture in the Classroom Mini-Grant](#).

Sept 10 – Keep America Beautiful's [National Planting Day](#).

Sept 15 – Nomination deadline for the [2016 Mass Audubon Conservation Teacher of the Year](#) award.

Sept 18 – [School Composting in the Garden Workshop](#) led by MassDEP's Ann McGovern at the Massachusetts Horticulture Society in Wellesley.

Sept 22 – Distribution day for GREEN TEAM recycling equipment for schools in the Boston area. [Register](#) for THE GREEN TEAM for the 2016-2017 school year and submit a [recycling equipment application](#) to request equipment. There will also be distribution dates in November and April.

Sept 24 – The [Green Apple Day of Service](#) is an opportunity for schools to transform their community through local [service projects](#).

Sept 29 - [2016 Green Careers Conference](#) in Worcester.

Sept 30 – Application deadline for Project Learning Tree [Greenworks! Grant](#). Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for school environmental service-learning projects

Sept 30 - Nomination deadline for 2016 Mass. Assoc. of Science Teachers [Educator of the Year Awards](#).

Sept 30 - Application deadline for [Captain Planet Foundation](#) grants for environmental projects.

Other Resources

Middle and high school students interested in urban planning can complete a [LandScience Virtual Internship](#). This program, developed through a partnership between the University of Wisconsin's Epistemic Games Group, Mass Audubon, and the National Science Foundation, allows students to learn about developing sustainable cities through tackling a complex STEM challenge.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

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