

Live Green

Recognition Program

After Action Report

Project Name: The Big Green Help
Number of Youth participated: 50
Length of Project: Summer Project Jun-Aug 2009

How did your group/organization choose your service project? Did you identify two or three of the most important environmental needs facing your installation or community? We teamed up with our base CE environmental office. Erik came and educated our youth on how to recycle and how important it is. He shared with them the benefits of recycling. He showed them that by recycling they are helping their environment. Youth started at the youth center by recycling soda cans, plastic bottles and paper. They also encouraged their peers to join in on saving their environment. Our youth then took the message to their parents about the importance of recycling and saving energy. If you are not using it, turn it off. Use natural sunlight instead of electricity. Two major environmental issues at Mac Dill is recycling and conserving the energy in base housing and offices so the base can save money.

Describe challenges, if any, faced during your service project. At first, it was keeping the youth interested. After CE came and showed them how important it was, it was smooth sailing. We feel that we must educate our youth first to give them a chance to buy into the program. Having them buy in is the key to a successful program. I feel that at Mac Dill we had a successful program. Kudos to Our CE environmental office.

What resources, skills, or assets did you use to get your service project completed? A lot of support from Mac Dill CE environmental section with Mr. Erik Vaughn. He made sure the presentation had games for our youth to play which made it more interesting and enjoyable for them to learn. He supplied us with recycle bins for our paper, cans, and plastic. A good aspect of the program now is that you don't have to separate the recyclables. Our club Jr. Staff and Leaders made sure that the recycling was taken care of. They even assisted with the loading of the truck to take to CE. Teens mentor the younger youth about the importance of recycling.

Describe your group's long term goal or purpose in conducting your project? Our long term goal is to continue education on Live Green. Youth will quarterly find an area at Mac Dill and surrounding community that we can beautify and give back. With the help of CE we will plant our very own flower garden at the youth center.

What does success look like for your project? Can it be measured? Is it attainable? Success has already been measured at the youth center by youth reminding their peers to recycle cans and plastic bottles. It's attainable because youth are planning their own beautification projects and teaching our younger youth.

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