

## What's Unique About Us?

- TREE MUSKETEERS is run by kids-for kids.
- We work within the system—not at odds with it— to implement change.

## Why Volunteer?

- Become part of the solution leading environmental change.
- Learn valuable job skills and receive training for the business world and beyond.
- Earn respect by helping to overcome biases about youth.

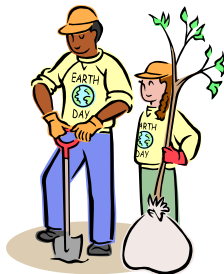
## How Can You Volunteer?

- Participate in our Saturday tree care and learn valuable tree care skills.
- Help our office staff conduct the business of the organization.
- Take LEAD courses and train to be an leader at TM on our Youth Management Team.
- Train for employment in our brand new tree care service. (ages 16-18)



## How Can Adults Help Us?

- Participate in our Saturday tree care.
- Train to become Adult Partners.
- Employ TREE MUSKETEERS Tree Service



## What Is LEAD?

**LEAD** (Leadership Education and Action Development) is a formal volunteer opportunity for kids to learn marketable skills that will serve them well as environmental leaders, as students, and in life. **LEADers** are mentored by older youth and adult partners with appropriate expertise. In the end, the young people will have acquired educational enrichment, self-confidence, team spirit, and the means to make a significant contribution to quality of life and the community



Some LEAD groups have designed and presented specific community projects such as El Segundo's innovative curbside recycling program and Earth Day celebrations. Others are simply unique learning experiences on subjects not commonly available to kids. In either case, **LEADers** are a team which means commitment to the group should be taken quite seriously by both the youth participants and their family.

## Why Do We Offer LEAD courses?

Part of helping someone realize a dream is providing them the tools and skills they need to achieve it. Trees do not just hop into the ground and recycling programs do not just pop up. **LEAD** courses teach youth how to implement change in an adult world, playing by adult rules. We are essentially infiltrating "the system" by creating leaders for tomorrow. In order to do that, these future leaders need to know how to operate in the business world.



## Course Offerings:

Ages 10-16

**Personal Skills**—Learn how to present yourself as a leader.

**People Skills**—Learn how to interact with people and communicate effectively.

**Organizational Management**—Put your ideas into action learning how to plan, organize, and lead projects and events.

**Public Speaking**—Learn and practice speaking techniques.

**Tree Planting Supervisor**—Learn how to plant trees, and supervise or direct others.

**Our Endangered Earth Day**—Learn about the various perils facing our planet.



LEAD courses are free to *Partners for the Planet* members. To enroll in classes simply phone the Center to reserve your spot and bring the signed application with you on the first day. If not currently a member, children can join the club for \$10, adults can join for \$15, and families can join for \$25. Please call our office for information about joining the club and enrolling in classes. Courses are held at our Youth LEADership Center on Fridays from 5:00-6:30. There may be additional outside time spent by LEADers in research, preparation, or writing.

# LEAD Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check courses you're attending below:

Public Speaking  Our Endangered Earth

People Skills  Personal Skills

Tree Planting Supervisor

Organizational Management

I understand that leadership in TREE MUSKETEERS and representing the youth environmental movement is an important opportunity for me to become a visible role model for other young people and the gauge by which society measures youth. To this end, I agree to take my LEAD responsibilities seriously, to keep my commitments, and to attend meetings regularly.

My child is either a member of *Partners for the Planet* or has the membership fee for unlimited LEAD courses for 1 year. As a parent, I approve of my child's application to join a LEAD group, and pledge my support.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission:** To empower young people to be leaders of environmental and social change in Earth's communities.

**Philosophy:** Our focus is on solutions—not problems, so there is no sitting in judgment or pointing fingers of blame. We avoid duplicating efforts of others, and address only genuine needs of the movement thereby paving the way for partnerships. All activities are youth-led with adults serving as a support system for young decision makers. Human development is integral, and we seek an extended definition of diversity in everything we do. We write, speak, act, and think with integrity.



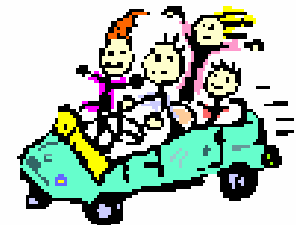
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**Caution: Kids In The Driver's Seat!**

