



# LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

By this time, your team will have gained organizing experience and will be continuing to build group solidarity. Put your team's new skills to the test by completing some of the activities below, or by coming up with your own.

★ *Incorporate elements pertaining to your issue area in your leadership activities. Document and submit a description to the Green Flag Office to fulfill the classroom or presentation requirements for Levels 2 and 3.*

1. **Organize a Bike to School Day** where students ride their bikes to school instead of driving their cars. Use your organizing skills to mobilize the masses, increase consciousness, and reduce pollution.
2. **Research youth activist victories** and give a short presentation to your team showing how the victory was achieved. Try to find specifics about how the group organized and worked toward success. Brainstorm ideas on how to emulate the success of the groups you researched to achieve your goal of a healthier school environment.
3. **Organize a Battle of the Bands fundraiser** to raise money for your Green Flag Team. Use the proceeds to purchase materials for other Green Flag activities, such as purchasing indoor air quality test kits or water quality test kits.
4. **Organize a recycling drive for old electronics.** Online auction giant eBay has launched a website to facilitate the reusing and recycling of old electronics. Visit <http://rethink.ebay.com/> to research how your school can recycle its old electronics through eBay's program to reduce toxic electronic waste. If your school is in need of electronics, use the website to find out how your school may be eligible to receive refurbished electronics.
5. **Change from bottled water to a reusable water container.** Americans throw away millions of bottled water containers every day. Design posters and pamphlets that educate your school about the benefits of reusing water containers. Reduce waste in your school; try to get as many students and staff as you can to make the switch.
6. **Take Action in Support of Fellow Environmentalists.** Keep your eye on current events! Look in the newspaper, online, or watch the news to find others working to improve the environment in one of Green Flag's four issue areas. Find a group asking for help, and take action! Gather signatures to add to a petition, make calls to your federal representatives, or hand out informational flyers to support an effort for environmental protection. Find out how your action made an impact, track your issue, and see how your work in the Green Flag Program is part of a larger movement of groups working to create safer and healthier environments.

For more leadership activity ideas, visit the Green Flag Website at [www.greenflagschools.org](http://www.greenflagschools.org)