

A Kids for Saving Earth Education into Action Program

Kids for Saving Earth Children's Forest

How can we cool our Earth?

Now more than ever we need to plant forests to help cool Earth.

So let's get busy planting a Children's Forest and a Pollinator Place in schools, churches, public places in your community and your backyard. A Kids for Saving Earth Children's Forest was created 18 years ago in Shingle Creek Park in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A section of the city park was planted with native sapling (young) trees and prairie grasses. It grew and grew and is now a place where children can learn, have fun, and grow and grow. Its trees are tall and birds, monarchs and kids are loving it! It's beautiful and great for Earth. You can do this too.

A forest is a world of wonder to all of us but especially to children. Some kids never walk through a woods or check out a mushroom on a forest floor. Have you ever pulled moss off a rotting log to discover hundreds of insects living in their own special home. We need these science learning centers to understand the importance of preserving forests and pollinator places. Also forests are really needed to slow climate change.

Steps to creating a children's forest and pollinator place.

- 1 Ask an adult to help you find a small section of land in your backyard or near your school, church or nearby park. Get permission to plant your forest. Draw out a plan and schedule when to plant.
- 2 Contact a local naturalist to help you choose trees, plants and teach you how to plant and care for them. Then make a forest care plan to share watering and care all year.
- 3 Ask a gardener in your area to tell you how to prepare the area for planting.
- 4 Add a small area for a birds and bees Pollinator Place.
- 5 Check out the resource ideas below to obtain trees, plants and help.



Forest Resources

- * Visit local nurseries to ask for help and donations of plants and trees.
- * Check with your local parks department for help with finding naturalists, plants and trees.
- * Contact your state Department of Natural Resources regarding trees, plants and naturalists.
- * Go to arborday.org to obtain 10 trees for \$10.
- * KSE Links: [Let the Forest Be With You](#), [Backyard Habitat](#), [Forest Bathing](#), [A Trip to the Forest](#)