



Kids for Saving Earth Children's Forest

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, and public places in your community or 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. The parks trees are now tall and monarchs, birds, 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. Forests are really needed to slow climate change.

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

- 1 Ask a gardener in your area to tell you how to prepare the land for planting.
- 2 Add a small Pollinator Place for birds and bees.



- 3 Check out the resource ideas on the next page to obtain trees, plants and help.
- 4 Ask an adult to help you find a small section of land in your backyard or your school, church or nearby park. Get permission to plant your forest. Draw out a plan and schedule when to plant.
- 5 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.



Where can I get help to create a Kids for Saving Earth Children's Forest?



- *Visit local nursery to ask for help and donations of plants and trees. Give the filled form below to give to the nurseries.
- *Check with your local park 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](#)



Hello I'm _____
(First Name)

I'm from _____
(school, church, etc)

and we can use some help. We are planting a Children's Forest and are wondering if you can donate a few trees to our project to cool our Earth. Is it possible for you to help us with this? Our parents or instructors can pick up the trees. Perhaps you can help us with planting instructions.

If you can help us call this number to let us know. Thank you so much!

(Best Contact Number for parent or teacher)