

## **Challenge 2: Organize field trip or guest speaker visit related to recycling (1-2 credits)**

Sometimes experiences are the best way to learn. For 2 credits, take your students to an external location, so they can learn more about the consequences of where they place their waste. For 1 credit, invite a guest speaker from an external organization to visit your school to speak with your students. In order to accomplish this credit, at least 2 classes in a grade level must take the field trip or listen to the guest speaker. (Ideally, all students in a grade level will participate!)

Due to distance learning, schools can opt to take virtual tours. These tours must total at least 40 minutes.

Examples of external organizations that might be interested in hosting a field trip or providing a guest speaker include, but are not limited to:

### **1. Recycling Facilities**

- [Recycling Works](#)
- [Entech](#)
- [Pollywood](#)
- [Tri-Power Recycling](#)
- [Nature's Wood Products](#)

### **2. Environmental Organizations**

- [Merry Lea](#)
- [Elkhart Environmental Center](#)

### **3. Parks Departments**

- [Elkhart County Parks](#)
- [City of Elkhart Parks](#)
- [City of Goshen Parks](#)
- [City of Nappanee Parks](#)
- [Town of Middlebury Parks](#)
- [Town of Wakarusa Parks](#)
- [Town of Bristol Parks](#)

Here are more resources to complete this challenge

[Republic Services Virtual Field Trips](#) - premade virtual tour videos

[Michiana](#) - premade video about recycling

[SIMS Municipal Recycling](#) - schedule a virtual tour with this organization

[Rhode Island reproduce and Recovery Corporation](#) - premade virtual tour videos

To receive credit for this challenge, your semester report will have to include:

- Clarification on whether your school organized a field trip or guest speaker visit
- A screenshot of a confirmation email from your field trip host / guest speaker
- A short description of the topic that was discussed during the field trip or guest speaker visit
- Pictures from your field trip or guest speaker visit (optional)
- If done virtually: a screenshot of students watching videos or participating in a videoconference with a guest speaker, a link to which videos you wanted totaling 40 minutes and confirmation of a booked virtual tour if applicable.