

Challenge 9: Host an Earth Day or America Recycles Day Celebration (1 credit)

Global and national green celebrations are a great way to connect with those around the world who share similar goals and aspirations. Special days such as Earth Day and America Recycles Day are great opportunities for education and to celebrate the progress we have made towards environmental improvement.

Global citizens celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. A U.S senator established Earth Day in the 1970s to raise awareness of environmental issues. Americans celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15th. It was started by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency to recognize the importance and impact of recycling.

We invite you to host a celebration for Earth Day or America Recycles Day! Schools can host these celebrations during a class period, lunchtime or after school. We want to focus on the educational aspect of these days. Educational activities could include a presentation on the history of these events or a play that demonstrates the importance of recycling. Classes or groups could host school-wide recycling pick up. Individual classrooms could also host earth-related activities such as reading books/articles about environmentalism. Outside organizations also host virtual celebrations and resources to help schools celebrate these events. If your school has another environmental holiday you wish to celebrate, please email Joevita at j.weah@en-focus.org.

To receive credit, submit which activities you participated in during Earth Day or America Recycles Day. Schools will need to complete at least 2 activities during the celebration for credit. Also, include the educational aspects of your celebrations. Make sure to also include photos of your celebration showcasing each activity.