



# NWF CAREER SERVICES TOOLKIT: 2019-2020 MONTHLY IDEA CALENDAR

## AUGUST



**Health and Wellbeing**

## SEPTEMBER



**School Grounds**

### ACTION DAYS

#### Water Quality Month

- 9-International Day of Worlds Indigenous People
- 12-International Youth Day
- 12-World Elephant Day
- 14-World Lizard Day
- 17-National Honey Bee Day
- 19-Shark Week

### ACTION DAYS

- 14-National Estuaries Week
- 18-World Water Monitoring Day
- 26-National Public Lands Day



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### ACTIVITIES

- Determine your goals and timeline for the year and enter into your Career Services Toolkit Strategy Worksheet
- Work with custodial and grounds staff to consider eliminating pesticides and increase the use of green cleaning products.
- Explore Education and Awareness Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Present EcoCareers PowerPoint Presentation and encourage all students to create a profile on [www.nwfecoleaders.org](http://www.nwfecoleaders.org)

### ACTIVITIES

- Plant native trees on your school grounds or in your local community
- Use the SEEK app to identify the trees on or near the school.
- Replace invasive and non-native trees and shrubs with natives.
- Explore Architecture and Buildings Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to participate in two or more career self-assessments.



OCTOBER



Food

NOVEMBER



Energy



Climate Change

ACTION DAYS

- 5-World Habitat Day
- 7-National Walk to School Day
- 12-National Indigenous People's Day
- 13-19-Earth Science Week
- 24-International Day of Climate Action

ACTION DAYS

- Young Reporters for the Environment
- 1-World Vegan Day
- 15-America Recycles Day



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ACTIVITIES

- Help make healthy food accessible in your community through local outreach events.
- Establish an edible garden at your school.
- Explore Food and Agriculture Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to identify five careers of interest and take notes on salary, growth potential, job listings, requirements, etc.

ACTIVITIES

- Learn the science behind climate change and take action in your local community.
- Work to reduce your school's transportation emissions.
- Find out what is happening in your state legislature regarding Climate Change.
- Explore Sustainable Energy as well as Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.



DECEMBER/JANUARY

FEBRUARY



Biodiversity



Waste



Litter

ACTION DAYS

Universal Human Rights Month  
 Young Reporters for the Environment Projects  
 5-International Volunteer Day  
 5-World Soil Day

ACTION DAYS

Young Reporters for the Environment Projects  
 2-World Wetlands Day  
 11-International Day of Girls and Women in Science  
 20-World Day of Social Justice  
 27-International Polar Bear Day



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ACTIVITIES

- Plan to participate in a citizen science project such as the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- Encourage students to keep a nature notebook.
- Explore Habitat and Wildlife Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to declare their own personal EcoMissions and identify academic and certification goals.
- Register for EcoCareers Conference

ACTIVITIES

- Conduct an awareness campaign regarding exposure to BPA in reusable plastic containers.
- Conduct a bin inventory and replace broken or missing receptacles.
- Create and share a zero waste and recycling role play or video.
- Explore Business and Purchasing as well as Consumption and Waste Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to pursue several networking goals.
- Advertise EcoCareers Conference to student body



MARCH



APRIL



ACTION DAYS

**Women's History Month**  
 3-World Wildlife Day  
 8-International Women's Day  
 21-National Wildlife Week  
 21-International Day of Forests  
 22-World Water Day

ACTION DAYS

**Earth Month**  
**Community Service Month**  
 1-2-NWF EcoCareers Conference  
 7-National Healthy Schools Day  
 20-Environmental Education Week  
 22-Earth Day (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 24-Arbor Day



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ACTIVITIES

- Help bring awareness to the issues being highlighted on World Water Day.
- Work to ensure your school is using water-efficient irrigation practices.
- If your school has a garden, utilize a rain barrel or set up another water collection system for watering plants and trees.
- Explore Water Resources Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to conduct informational interviews.
- Advertise EcoCareers Conference to student body.

ACTIVITIES

- Attend EcoCareers Conference
- Celebrate your environmental successes with an all-school assembly or event in your outdoor classroom.
- Determine if there is a need and plan now for fall planting.
- Plan a school-wide outdoor activity to take place during Environmental Education Week.
- Explore Governance and Policy as well as Environmental and Community Justice Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.



MAY

JUNE



Transport



Marine and Coast

ACTION DAYS

Garden for Wildlife Month  
 National Wildfire Awareness Month  
 American Wetlands Month  
 4-8-Teacher Appreciation Week  
 6-National Bike to School Day  
 9-International Migratory Bird Day  
 15-Endangered Species Day  
 15-National Bike to Work Day  
 20-World Bee Day  
 22-International Day of Biological Diversity

ACTION DAYS

Great Outdoors Month  
 LGBTQ Pride Month  
 5-World Environment Day  
 6-National Trails Day  
 8-World Oceans Day  
 15-National Pollinator Week  
 16-World Sea Turtle Day  
 21-International Climate Change Day  
 22-World Rainforest Day



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ACTIVITIES

- Determine the “walkability” of your community.
- Create an awareness campaign for National Bike to School Day.
- Explore Transportation Careers through the National Wildlife Federation’s EcoLeaders website.
- Encourage students to apply for internships, entry-level jobs, and other opportunities.

ACTIVITIES

- Take action for World Oceans Day by organizing a community clean-up of a local waterway.
- Learn more about the importance of your local wastewater treatment facility.
- Create signs or artwork that help protect storm drains from pollution.
- Explore Outdoor Recreation Careers through the National Wildlife Federation’s EcoLeaders website.