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RESOURCE GUIDE: TREE PLANTING & REFORESTATION

**BOLDLY GO
GREEN**



Mission Brief:

Galaxy Green-Up: Tree Planting Challenge
January 24 – 25, 2026



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Welcome, Cadet! Your first day at Starfleet Academy begins now. Your mission: Combat climate change by planting more trees to absorb carbon dioxide, provide habitats for wildlife, improve air and water quality, and enhance human well-being. Complete your mission to unlock your Starfleet Academy Cadet Certificate and be eligible for a scholarship.



ASSIGNMENT 1: Assemble Your Team

Recruit Your Cadets

- Chat with friends and classmates about trees in your community now – try [American Forests Tree Equity Quiz](#) to see if your community needs more trees
- You could even host a *Star Trek: Starfleet Academy* viewing party and score awesome swag

Configure Your Mission Site

- Your School
- Local Parks
- Your Backyard

ASSIGNMENT 2: Pick your Mission Plan and Reforest the Planet

1 Join a Tree Restoration Project Near You:



The Mission:

Bring a group of friends and cadets together and join forces with a local organization that is planting trees January 24 or January 25, 2026 in your area to provide more green canopy and reduce tree deserts.



The Plan:

Find Partners who are holding tree reforestation events the weekend of January 24 and 25, 2026 and join in the fun. For instance, there is a Forest Restoration in [Atlanta Memorial Park](#), Atlanta, GA or a [Mercer Arboretum Planting](#) in Houston, TX on January 24, 2026; a “[Plantapalooza](#)” in St. Petersburg, FL on January 25, 2026; or in Los Angeles [TreePeople](#) provides tree-planting opportunities in the Los Angeles area. You can check out local reforestation organizations in the [Arbor Day Foundation Partner Database](#).



Hot Tips:

Wear coordinating outfits, take pics, and share on your socials #DoSomething #BoldlyGoGreen #StarfleetAcademy #StarTrek #ParamountPlus.

2 Organize a Small Tree-Planting Event in Your Community:



The Mission:

Bring a group of friends and cadets together one morning to plant trees around your neighborhood and provide more green canopy.



The Plan:

- Find Partners who provide free trees to plant: [Neighborhood Forest](#) works across the United States, [NeighborWoods](#) in Austin, TX, the [New York Restoration Project](#) in New York, NY, [City Plants](#) in Los Angeles, CA, request a new [City Plants](#) program in your community, or contact [Tree Nation](#) to send trees to you.
- Choose the Right Tree Species: Use the [Audubon Society's Native Plant and Tree Tool](#), check out the [USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#) so that the tree is right for your climate and location, OR speak to a gardener or arborist at local Tree Nurseries, Garden Centers, or Home Improvement Stores like [The Home Depot](#) or [Lowe's](#) Garden Department.
- Make a borrow list: you will need shovels, bags or boxes for seedlings and saplings, and tarps to keep the area clean. **Avoid buying new!**
- Confirm the exact planting site(s): work with your Local Parks Departments (go to your city, town, or county's official website for your local government and search for "Parks" or "Recreation" department), your school's/college's grounds department, or your own backyard.
- MAKE SURE to call your local utility before digging in an unknown area and check soil quality before digging. For urban areas use pre-approved tree pits or raised beds AND for rural areas plant along streams or established windbreaks/ hedgerows on private or preserved land.



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ASSIGNMENT 3: Get the Word Out!

Find Other Cadets On the Same Mission

- [Local Elected Officials' Offices](#)
- Local Nature Centers

Let people know about the exciting event

- Post Flyers in your school, library, or market
- Post on your socials

ASSIGNMENT 4: Enjoy the Adventure!

Saving the climate for a stronger future galaxy can be a blast!

- Play music related to [Star Trek](#) or make [Trees and Flowers](#)
- If you haven't already had a viewing party, then show the new *Star Trek: Starfleet Academy* (streaming on Paramount+) at the event
- Let everyone know about the fun on socials #DoSomething #BoldlyGoGreen #StarfleetAcademy #StarTrek #ParamountPlus



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Mission Accomplished – Report to Mission Control

- Send thank you notes to your partner organizations
- Share how many trees were planted and the environmental impact using the [i-Tree Planting Calculator](#)
- Make sure to upload your impact to <http://dosomething.org/Boldly-Go-Green> to unlock your Starfleet Academy Cadet Certificate.
- Hear what your fellow cadets thought

"Let's Get Started – Your Future Begins Now."



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