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# green volunteers 2012



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EDINBURGH  
THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SHOULD YOU NEED TO CONTACT PARTICIPANTS IN AN EMERGENCY:  
GREEN TEAM MOBILE NUMBER: 07776 335039



**The Green Team is a voluntary organisation, working with young people to improve and enjoy wild places. We offer a range of projects throughout the year carrying out practical conservation and having fun.**

Since 1995 over 2500 young people have been involved with the Green Team. Projects are run by volunteer leaders and Green Team staff. Working together, we improve the local environment for people and wildlife. The opportunities we offer enable young people to increase their understanding and appreciation of the natural world and global issues that can seem overwhelming to us as individuals. Participants learn about the countryside, gain confidence through working as part of a team and can achieve a range of awards.

The Green Team is a registered charity number SC029319 supported by Scottish Natural Heritage and the City of Edinburgh Council.

## How you can get involved

If you are aged between 14 and 25:

- Take part in Green Volunteers events
- Participate in the DofE Award and John Muir Award



### **Volunteer Leaders:**

If you are over 21 and would like to work with young people in the outdoors:

- Help deliver the Green Volunteers programme
- Take part in training courses in conservation work, environmental games and first aid
- Gain experience in environmental youth work

To find out more about how to get involved contact the Green Team office.

### **Our partners**

- The Green Team is part of the DofE Award Unit in the City of Edinburgh. Participation in Green Team activities can count towards the Skills or Volunteering sections of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at bronze, silver and gold.
- The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme that encourages people of all ages to discover wild places, to actively explore them, to do something to conserve them and to share these experiences. The Green Team is an Award provider and these 4 challenges are at the heart of all our projects.
- The City of Edinburgh Council, Sport and Outdoor Education Department
- Local land managers & Countryside Ranger Services

## Safety

The Green Team has an excellent safety record and we take due care in delivering all our activities. We recognise there is an element of risk in all that we do and manage this accordingly. We work within the City of Edinburgh Council's Health and Safety guidelines and procedures. All volunteer leaders undergo training to gain the necessary qualifications to lead our projects and are checked through Disclosure Scotland.

# sunday events

cost £10 each, 10am - 5pm.

Transport is provided from central Edinburgh.

## KEY TO SYMBOLS



Toilets available



Bushes!



Bunkhouse accommodation



Camping accommodation

## January 29th • Butterdean Wood

Footpath improvements and a fire followed with a trip to John Muir's birthplace.

## February 12th • Springfield Mill

Tree thinning and tending the trees in the orchard followed by campfire cooking.

## February 26th • Linlithgow Loch

Footpath improvements and coppicing in the hazel woodlands around this impressive loch.

## March 4th • Levenhall

Plant a variety of native species to increase the woodland habitat.

## March 18th • Burdiehouse Burn

Get stuck in clearing out the burn and improving the local woodlands.

## April 1st • East Lothian woodlands

Improve the woodland habitat by clearing invasive species and thinning the trees.

## April 22nd • Lord Ancrum's Wood, Newbattle

A day of rhododendron clearance with a fire to toast marshmallows.

## May 13th • Hopetoun House

Clear away the invasive plants and improve the footpaths. Meet and feed the resident deer colony.

## May 27th • Almondell Country Park

Help the rangers carry out some woodland management tasks in this lovely West Lothian Country Park.

## June 3rd • Vogrie Country Park

Help the rangers maintain the footpaths and steps in the park and find out about the local birdlife.

## June 10th • Hermitage of Braid

Vegetation clearance plus path and step construction in the walled garden.

## June 17th • Longniddry

Take a stroll along the John Muir Way cutting back vegetation and invasive plants.

## August 26th • Craigeleith Island

A boat trip to the island to remove tree mallow and save the puffins. Free entry to the Sea Bird Centre, North Berwick.

## September 2nd • Binning Wood

Rhododendron clearance on a big scale. Practise den building and look out for the red squirrels.

## September 23rd • Roslin Glen

Find out which tree is which plus woodland management tasks at this lovely Midlothian glen.

## October 7th • River Almond walkway

Autumn tree planting along the River Almond walkway.

## October 21st • Blackness Castle

Pond clearance, wildflower planting and hedge maintenance beside this historic castle.

## November 4th • Pencaitland railway walk

Clear overhanging branches from the walkway and give the pond a clear out.

## November 18th • Lochore Meadows Country Park

Learn the art of coppicing and hurdle making to help manage and improve the woodlands.

## December 2nd • Water of Leith

Make improvements to the paths and habitats at Craiglockart Dell. Warm yourself around the fire at the end of the day.



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## weekend events

cost £25 each, 9am Sat - 5pm Sun  
Transport is provided from central Edinburgh.

### March 24 - 25th • West Lothian wonders

Conservation at Muiravonside Country Park followed by a day of estate improvements at Jupiter Artland.

### April 28 - 29th • Borthwick & Currie Woods, Midlothian

Turn your hand to some access and path work to improve Currie Woods with the Woodland Trust. Late night entertainment!

### September 8 - 9th • Barnside Farm, Abbey St Bathans

Improve hedgerow and woodland habitats on this upland organic farm. Plus fossil hunting on the local beach. Cooking in the Village Hall.

### October 27 - 28th • Vogrie Country Park

Autumn at Vogrie is a magical experience. Help clear out the ponds to find out about the wildlife in the park.



## residential weeks 2012

### April 1st - 6th • Kintail

Surrounded by the mountain landscape of this Highland estate work with the local rangers to plant trees and carry out improvements to the woodlands and footpaths. Accommodation in the Kintail Outdoor Centre.

**Cost: £175**

### July 2nd - 7th • Ben Lawers

Explore this stunning National Trust for Scotland property. Practical tasks will include upland tree planing, fence removal and habitat restoration. Accommodation in the Meggernie Outdoor Centre.

**Cost: £175**

Further information on the Green Team website [www.greenteam.org.uk](http://www.greenteam.org.uk)

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**YOUR DETAILS**

Name.....

Address.....

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..... Post Code .....

Tel no..... Mobile no. ....

Do you have a regular e-mail address YES  NO

Regulare-mail.....

Date of birth .....

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Name of contact.....

Relationship to participant.....

Emergency tel nos.....

Surgery/Doctor’s Name.....

Tel no.....

My participation with The Green Team will count towards the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award:

Volunteering Section

Skill Section

What level? Bronze / Silver / Gold Award

Group / School.....

Minimum requirement for Duke of Edinburgh’s Award:  
 4 days for Bronze over a minimum of 3 months  
 (or 6 days over 6 months)  
 6 days for Silver over a minimum of 6 months  
 10 days for Gold over a minimum of 12 months  
 Please enclose payment of £10 per day, £25 per weekend  
 residential and £80 deposit for residential weeks  
 (cheques made payable to The Green Team)



Are you a non-swimmer / able to swim 25 metres / 50+ metres? (circle as appropriate)

Do you suffer from travel sickness? ..... Yes / No

Do you have incontinence problems? ..... Yes / No

Have you had a tetanus injection in the last 5 years? ..... Yes / No

Have you been in contact with any contagious or infectious disease or suffered with anything in the last 4 weeks that may become contagious or infectious? ..... Yes / No

If yes give details .....

Is there any activity in which you should not participate? ..... Yes / No

If yes please give details .....

Give full details of any physical or mental illness, injury or disability that might affect your participation.

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Are you taking medication or suffering from any medical conditions requiring medical treatment? ..... Yes / No

If yes please give details .....

Please note any change in medical conditions or medication must be notified to us as soon as possible

Do you have any special dietary requirements? ..... Yes / No

If yes please give details .....

Do you have any allergies (e.g. nuts, hayfever)?..... Yes / No

If yes please give details .....

**To be completed by parent or legal guardian if under 18:**

I agree to my child taking part in Green Team activities and will inform you of any changes of circumstance which might affect participation.

I consent to the Green Team taking photographs of my child, and that these photographs can be used for Green Team publicity (delete if not applicable).

Please sign the statement which more accurately reflects your wishes in respect of emergency treatment.

(a) I agree to my child receiving emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment INCLUDING BLOOD TRANSFUSION/ anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I understand that all activities are covered by The City of Edinburgh's Public Liability Insurance. Personal accident insurance is provided by the Green Team and through purchase of a Duke of Edinburgh's Award entrance pack.

Date ..... Signed by parent or guardian.....

**OR**

(b) I agree to my child receiving emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment/anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS**. I accept full legal responsibility for this decision and release City of Edinburgh Council and its staff from any liability for consequences resulting from my decision not to consent to the administration of blood or blood products. My child carries an advance medical directive document which informs the appropriate medical authorities accordingly. I understand that all activities are covered by The City of Edinburgh's Public Liability Insurance. Personal accident insurance is provided by the Green Team and through purchase of a Duke of Edinburgh's Award entrance pack.

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