



Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program

Community Stewardship Elective

Classroom Program Curriculum

Introduction

Community Stewardship is an elective program in Kokanee Karnival. Instructors with Kokanee Karnival provide this list of potential projects to teachers and can help to get the project started.

The teachers can select a project from the following list or identify a project suggested by their class. Kokanee Karnival requests that the teacher provide information on the project to Kokanee Karnival explaining the nature of the project and if it was successful. This will allow Kokanee Karnival to modify the list of suggested projects for use in subsequent years. The teacher is in charge of the Community Stewardship project and establishes the timing and duration of the project.

Suggested Community Stewardship Projects

The following is a list of Community Stewardship projects prepared by Kokanee Karnival and many have been used by teachers in the program. Some of the potential projects are classroom or school projects while others may require visiting locations away from school. While not all these potential projects deal directly with fish or aquatic habitat, they do help the environment and this promotes a healthy watershed.

- Tree and shrub planting – the teacher will need to designate an area where it's safe for students to plant a tree. This can be on the school grounds, in a park or in another area of the community.
- Pick up fishing line and garbage along a stream or pond – this is primarily an off school grounds project.
- Organize a park clean up day. If a park is not near a school, an option is to have a school grounds clean up. The school grounds clean up can be done over one or more recess periods.
- Build and put up woodduck boxes or blue bird boxes (use kits) or bird house boxes. These bird boxes can be located outside of classroom windows to allow the students to monitor their use.
- Organize an outing for Invasive plant species removal along a stream or pond. An option is to have the students remove invasive plants from lots within the community.
- Have the students monitor water quality in a local stream or pond. Kokanee Karnival can demonstrate how to test water quality. Some of the water quality testing kits used in the Fish Eggs to Fry program can be used for basic water quality monitoring. Have the students send a report to ODFW or USFS.
- Create a slideshow or story book for younger students about the watershed, fish, or particular river. Some classes have created wall size story boards about the water cycle (precipitation to runoff and groundwater) and fish habitat and posted them in the school for all classes to use.
- Undertake a naturescaping at your school.



- Promote water conservation, put up posters of ways to conserve water and electricity. These posters can be obtained from government agencies or environmental groups. This project allows the students to first identify sources of the posters, then contact the sources to obtain posters and finally post them in the school. In addition to being a Community Stewardship project it teaches the students communication life skills.
- Teach others (through posters, workshops, etc.) about pollution. The students can select a type of pollution, oil spills, storm drainage to the river, chemical spills, groundwater pollution, sewage or other form of pollution. Then research methods to prevent or control pollution and finally prepare a display for the school to help other students learn from the class experience.
- Build and operate a weather station at your school. The information can be compiled by future classes year to year to give the students an understanding of long term climate issues. After several years of data are collected the students can make a display showing the monthly weather station information.
- Write a letter to a political representative about a concern or issue.
- Make a craft or art project from recycled paper and cardboard.
- Start a recycling project at the school.

Project Completion Presentation

When the Community Stewardship project is completed, the teacher can contact Kokanee Karnival and a volunteer will visit with the class. This allows the students to talk about their project and to present the results.