



Equipment

In addition to providing standard school supplies, all students must have or be able to borrow or purchase the following equipment:

- Mountain bike
- Helmet
- Day pack
- Sleeping bag (-10°C)
- Rain jacket and pants
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for all seasons
- Winter boots

Funding

The Public School Division and Aden Bowman Collegiate have provided funding for the program facilities and staffing. A number of community partners have also generously contributed resources that help to enrich the program.

Students are required to pay a fee of \$300 to cover the costs of the trips, one class meal per week and other operational expenses. If you would like to apply but the fee poses a problem, please contact the Earthkeepers teachers for information about alternatives.

Apply Now!

The Earthkeepers program is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

Applications are available at Student Services and may also be downloaded from the Earthkeepers website: www.theearthkeepersrevolution.ca

To be eligible for the program, your application should be completed and returned to Student Services by March 31, 2011.

Applications will be reviewed thoroughly to determine which applicants best fit the Earthkeepers program and applicants may be contacted for an interview. Grades are of no significance provided that all prerequisite classes have been completed.

Successful applicants will be those who best demonstrate the following:

- Desire to be a part of and commit to the Earthkeepers program for one semester
- Positive attitude
- Open mind
- Interest in living more sustainably
- Capability of handling independence and responsibility
- Healthy lifestyle

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance in May 2011.

If you have any questions about the Earthkeepers program or would like to talk about whether or not it is right for you, contact Rachel Vandendort or Jared Rezier for more information. They can be reached through Aden Bowman Collegiate Student Services at 683-7606.



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Program Overview

Earthkeepers is a 5 credit integrated program that aims to equip students with the skills and values necessary to address the challenge of living sustainably on our planet. Students will work, play and grow together for one semester as they examine what it takes to live in a sustainable community.

The themes of study will include natural systems, self-sufficiency and community development and the lines between the traditional subjects of Science, English and Wellness will quickly become blurred as students find themselves learning in context from first hand experiences. Students can expect relevant and interactive lessons, the rewards of working on meaningful projects in their community and the excitement of several multi-day trips that give them exposure to new places, lifestyles and perspectives. Just a few of the student directed activities this year include the expansion of our raised garden beds, the design of a large mural and the organization of a benefit concert for CHEP. Because of the high degree of student choice in the Earthkeepers program it is impossible to describe exactly what your experiences will be. The only thing certain is that you will leave the program with broadened perspectives, strong friendships and a more holistic understanding of your place in the world.



Take action...

An assortment of new experiences together with the integrated curriculum will help you to see the connections between a broad range of topics and the new perspectives you gain will motivate you to take action. Students run regular class meetings to make important decisions and plan new action projects to take on. These action projects allow students to apply concepts they have learned while making a difference in their community. This real life practice as an active citizen will give you a head start in making connections with people outside of the school and show you the changes that are possible with a cohesive and passionate group of people.

Challenge yourself...

The Earthkeepers program will introduce you to new challenges and questions in many forms. The trips will offer you new physical and mental challenges while giving you exposure to interesting people who are leading the way towards a more sustainable culture. Your assignments will educate you about the impacts of your lifestyle choices and lead you to question your current way of thinking. They will push you to make practical changes and actually experience some of the challenges and rewards of living more sustainably.

Find your place...

As an Earthkeepers student, you will become part of a close-knit community run largely by the students. This community, like the natural world, thrives on diversity and values the unique set of beliefs and skills each person brings to the group. Community responsibilities are divided up among the students so everyone has a chance to contribute in their unique way. Throughout the semester, you can expect many opportunities to cook for your peers, lead wellness activities and spend time nurturing your plants in the garden and greenhouse. These community responsibilities will give you practical experiences you can draw on for the rest of your life.



Credits Offered

All students will earn the following five credits in the Earthkeepers program. The Practical and Applied Arts survey credit will include experiences in Design, Horticulture and Food Studies.

English 10A
Science 10
Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10
Wellness 10
PAA 10

To learn more...

Visit the Earthkeepers website below to learn more about our current projects and past trips. We have posted many photos and other details that will give you a better understanding of some of the activities you could look forward to during a semester in the Earthkeepers program.

www.theearthkeepersrevolution.ca