



# Green Team 2011

The Green Team Committee of the LEHSO is excited to continue our programs this year to assist Tate Woods and Schiesher schools in their efforts to expand on conservation education and practices in the schools. Thanks to all those who are volunteering again this year but we could still use additional help with the programs! If you would like to join us, please email us at [GreenTeam@lehs.org](mailto:GreenTeam@lehs.org). We cannot do it without you - both at school and at home.

## Program Updates:

### No Longer Collecting:

- **Plastic Bottle Caps:** Bottle caps can now be recycled through Lisle's residential, curbside recycling programs further reducing the carbon footprint associated with the caps!
- **Juice Pouches:** We are taking the next steps in reducing waste by promoting the use of reusable containers vs. disposable pouches/boxes. Save money and reduce waste by using reusable containers and pack only what your student will drink.

## News from the Schools

- **Big News! A Greener Schiesher-**The Green Team was awarded a grant to:
  - Plant indigenous shrubs/plants
  - Purchase additional composters
  - Purchase and decorate Rain Barrels
  - Expand student education on conservation & sustainabilityProjects will begin in October, so stay tuned!
- **Less-Waste Lunches-**Conservation education during lunches (and waste weigh-ins for class competitions begin in October)
- **Virtual Backpacks:** Make sure to sign up!
- Every day we recycle:
  - Clean paper products (*not napkins*)
  - Empty milk cartons, tin foil & cans
  - Plastic bottles and containers
  - **Pop-Top Tabs** at Schiesher (benefiting the Ronald McDonald House)

## What Can You Do At Home?

- Pack a No Waste/Less Waste Lunch!
- Use the blank side of school papers and then be sure to recycle the clean paper
- Use containers instead of snack bags
- Reuse zip lock bags then recycle them
- Reuse/recycle grocery bags
- Take your own bags to the grocery store
- Think outside that box and discover more ways to reduce what you use.
- Recycle sport drink bottles at sporting events or bring reusable containers!
- Take advantage of the fall weather by walking or biking instead of driving
- Don't forget to properly recycle those energy-saving CFLs light bulbs!