



BLACKWELL LITTER CLEAN UP

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CAUSE

Importance

- This is important because I love the outdoors and I am very passionate about saving our planet. Nature is so pretty and I want to help it as much as possible

Issue

- At Blackwell forest preserve there are lots of litter thought the preserve. All the time visitors disrespect the preserve and leave litter on the ground.

Impact

- By me and volunteers picking up trash thought Blackwell it is cleaner and people in our community can enjoy it. Also the wildlife is healthier because their habitat is not infested with litter.



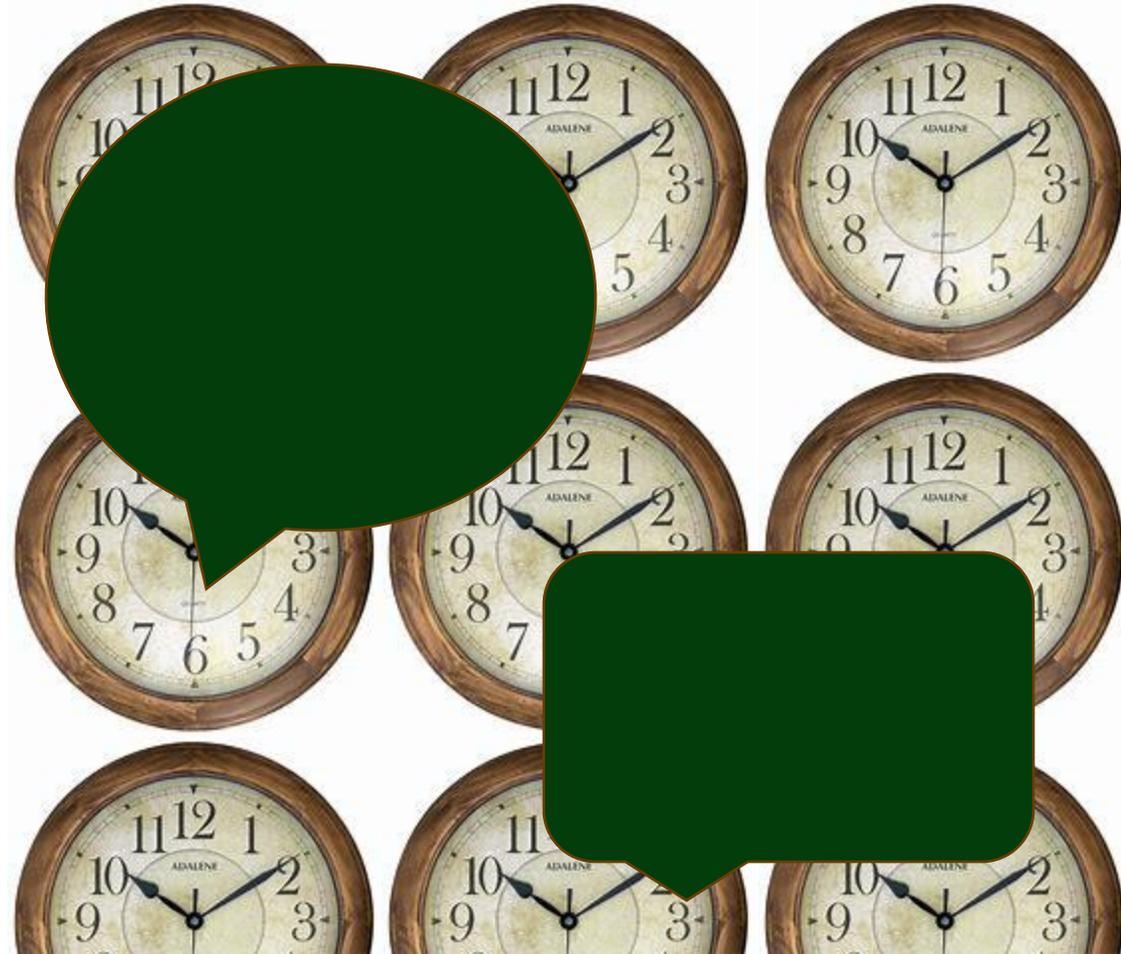
- At our local forest preserve we collected litter from around Blackwell Forest preserve.
- There were a total of 14 volunteers.
- Every user of the forest preserve was impacted. The place they enjoy day to day is now free of litter.



ACTIONS

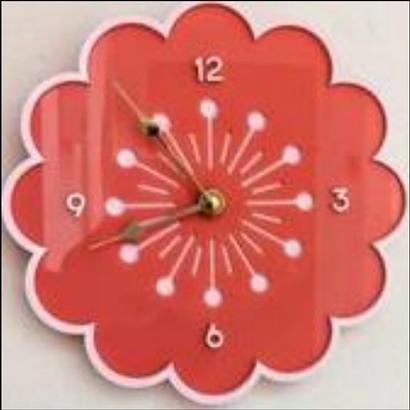
CHALLENGES

Two challenges I faced were communication and time management. Communication: it was hard to communicate with DuPage forest preserves because I have a full schedule and the volunteer coordinator only works so many hours and she was absent sometimes throughout the project. To overcome this we called to straighten everything out and I improved my time management skills by creating an after school schedule so I would have time to work on the project and communicate with her.



WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT MYSELF

During this project I learned that I have very poor time management skills. When I would get home from school I would do my homework and studying very slowly and I would easily get distracted. I would get bored and then go play with my dog or practice lacrosse. Now I have used new study skills that keep me on task and use my time well.



HOW CAMP PREPARED ME

At camp I learned how to be a leader. Throughout my time at camp I picked up good leadership qualities like Integrity, communication skills, and passion. Being a leader helped me organize a group of volunteers and keep them organized by telling them how to split up to collect the most amount of trash. Also my leadership skills helped me communicate with DuPage County Forest Preserves to organize the litter pick up.



MY CALL TO ACTION

I want everyone to not litter, pick up trash when they see it, and follow the 7 principles of L.N.T. which are :

1. Plan and prepare
2. Walk and camp on stable surfaces
3. Dispose of your waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Take care of your fires
6. Respect wildlife
7. Respect others







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