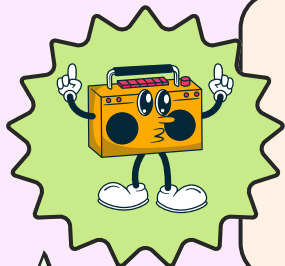


CLEAN CAMPUS CONTEST

MARCH

2025



Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful wants to help you become eco-heroes! This is your chance to show off your creativity and love for your school's environment!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 14TH

**ORGANIZE CLEANUPS
ON CAMPUS**

**CLEAN
TEAM**

**GREEN
TEAM**

**CREATE OR IMPROVE
A RECYCLING
PROGRAM**

**IMPROVE THE
APPEARANCE OF YOUR
CAMPUS**

**BEAUTY
TEAM**

**WATER
TEAM**

**HELP PROMOTE WATER
CONSERVATION AT
YOUR SCHOOL**

**MONETARY PRIZES
FOR THE TOP THREE
CAMPUSES**

MORE INFO:

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2025 Clean Campus Contest

March 24th-April 14th

An invitation to Elementary Schools of Rio Rancho to expand a student's environmental awareness and teach them to take pride in the appearance of their school campus.

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CLEAN CAMPUS CONTEST

INSTRUCTIONS

The Clean Campus Contest will be held **Monday March 24th-April 14th 2025**. To participate in the contest **please register your school/team by March 14th 2025**. Completed forms can be emailed to **Nick Dahl** at **ndahl@rrnm.gov**.

Schools will be judged based on chosen team(s). Your school may participate in one or all of the following teams. Judging will be based upon the overall result of your campus.

CLEAN TEAM: Students can organize and implement cleanups in the following areas:

- Athletic Fields
- Bike Rack Area
- Hallways and Walkways
- Lunch Area
- Parking Lot(s)
- Playground
- Sidewalk(s)
- Trash Bin Area(s)

GREEN TEAM: Students can create or improve recycling programs for:

- Paper
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum Cans
- E-waste (anything with a plug)

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM: Students can focus on improving the appearance of the campus. Examples are:

- Creating flower beds
- Planting Trees/Plants
- Campus Murals
- Building a Community Garden
- Developing a Composting Program

WATER CONSERVATION TEAM: Students can help promote water conservation on Campus:

- Creating a water conservation class project
- Saving Rainwater or Excess water for a garden
- Reporting leaky faucets in restrooms
- Planting waterwise plants

* Depending on the total amount of participants, Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful may be able to help with costs of added supplies for your team(s).

Be creative! These instructions are only guidelines. Please include your *School Report Form* and any photos that relate to your projects.

2025 Clean Campus Contest

SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Complete and return this form by 3:00 p.m. March 14th 2025 to:

Nick Dahl – KRRB Coordinator

mail or email ndahl@rrnm.gov ; questions? Call 505-549-8030

Please enter our school in the KRRB Clean Campus Contest! Yes No

After choosing your team, please circle what supplies you will need. Supplies are limited depending on amount of schools

Supplies Requested _____ # Large Trash Bags / recycling supplies / green team supplies / water team supplies

*indicate quantity _____ # Gloves small/child sized (Limited number of gloves available)

School: _____ School Enrollment: _____

Principal: _____ Phone: _____

School Contact Person: _____ Email _____

Secondary Contact Person: _____ Email _____

Address: _____

ALL JUDGING INFORMATION AND TEAM REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO KEEP RIO RANCHO BEAUTIFUL BY 3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2025. Contest judging will occur on site the week of April 21nd, 2025 between 9AM-3PM.

Judging days & times will be scheduled on a first come first served basis. Please circle your preferred day and times.

Preferred Judging Date: M / T / W / Th / F (April 21nd - 25th)

Preferred Judging time: 9AM 10:15AM 11:30AM 12:45PM 2PM

Preparation of School Report: (collected no later then April 14th)

- * Please print and **complete** each teams report form that you wish to participate in
- * Photos of projects are **strongly encouraged**
- * Reports, comments, and photos should be presented as a packet for Judging

Be Creative and think about what makes your school stand out!

Clean Team Instructions

Assemble a team of students for the “Clean Team”. This may be any size group that is realistic and manageable.

1. Divide your campus into areas:

- Athletic Fields
- Hallways & Walkways
- Bike Rack Area
- Cafeteria
- Parking Lots
- Trash Bin Area
- Playground
- Sidewalks

2. Take “**before and after**” photos of these areas. Please make sure they are correctly labeled. *Always take photos that are relative to your project.* Add these to your report.

3. Keep track of litter and trash collected during the contest. *A 30 gallon GLAD trash bag weighs approximately 20lbs.* If applicable, measure weight totals with a scale.

Cleanup ideas to consider:

- * Find creative ways to organize classrooms to avoid clutter
- * Develop storage bins
- * Make cleaning fun! Create a game and make cleaning a friendly competition
- * Get creative and make artwork out of things you might be throwing away

4. Please complete the **CLEAN TEAM REPORT** on the next page:

Clean Team Report Form

Campus Cleanups Dates:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____

♦ Total weight of trash collected for all Clean Team Cleanups during the time of the contest:

(a 30 gal trash bag weights 20lbs) Example: 5(bags) x 20(lbs)=100(lbs) **#Lbs collected:** _____

♦ How many students participated in all the cleanups during the time of the contest:

Example: 15(cleanups) x 10(students)= 150 students **#Students:** _____

♦ How many total hours did students contribute to the cleanups during the time of the

contest: Example: 8(areas) x 10 (students each) x 1(hour each)=80 hours **# Hours:** _____

Campus Litter Audit:

Have your team rank all designated areas on the 1st day of the contest (March 4th). This will be your “before Audit”. On the last day of the contest (March 29th) your team should complete the same audit.

Circle numbers 1-4

1 being extremely littered, 2 visible litter easily seen, 3 slightly littered, 4 no litter

Clean Team “Before Audit” Date: _____

Clean Team “After Audit” Date: _____

Athletic Field 1 2 3 4

Bike Rack Area 1 2 3 4

Cafeteria 1 2 3 4

Hallways 1 2 3 4

Parking Lot(s) 1 2 3 4

Playground 1 2 3 4

Sidewalk(s) 1 2 3 4

Trash Bin Areas 1 2 3 4

Athletic Field 1 2 3 4

Bike Rack Area 1 2 3 4

Cafeteria 1 2 3 4

Hallways 1 2 3 4

Parking Lot(s) 1 2 3 4

Playground 1 2 3 4

Sidewalk(s) 1 2 3 4

Trash Bin Areas 1 2 3 4

GREEN TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

The green team is responsible for a campus recycling program. If your school does not already have a recycling program in place, now is the time to initiate one! If one is in place, can it be improved?

Assemble a team of students for the “Green Team”. This team can be any size that is realistic and manageable.

- 1. Select an area(s) on your campus to initiate a recycling program. (ex: classrooms, lunch area, playground, etc.)**
- 2. Make a campus map and assign designated “recycling areas” within the campus. Assign students to be responsible for collection at these areas weekly.**
- 3. Collect paper, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans. Label bins appropriately. Make them clear and easy to access; distribute the map to all classrooms.**
- 4. Take photos of your projects, making sure to include images of your bins and their locations. Include any photos that are relevant and add these to your report.**

Green ideas to consider:

- * Organize and conduct an aluminum can drive as a fundraiser
- * Read books on recycling in classrooms
- * Research how recyclables can be turned into renewable sources
- * Research and play recycling games (ex: bingo)

5. Please complete the Green Team Report on the next page:

GREEN TEAM REPORT FORM

Campus Recycling Project Dates:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____

♦ How many total students participated in the Green Team recycling projects over the course of the event:

Example: 10 (classrooms) x 20 (students) = 200 students # **Students:** _____

♦ How many total hours did students contribute to the Green Team projects over the course of the event:

Example: 10 projects for 2 hours each = 20 hours # **Hours:** _____

Recycling Waste:

What did the school recycle during the course of the event?

Paper	YES	NO	# Lbs. Collected _____
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Aluminum cans	YES	NO	# Lbs. Collected _____
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Plastic Bottles	YES	NO	# Lbs. Collected _____
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E-waste	YES	NO	# Lbs. Collected _____
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TOTAL WEIGHT			# Lbs. Collected _____
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Recycling Education:

How was recycling promoted during the time of the contest on your school campus?

Were there any classroom projects involving recycling education? (Attach photos)

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

Select areas of your campus that need improvement or beautification. This may be a new project or improving upon an existing area.

1. Locate the area(s) you plan to improve and develop a plan of action.
2. Take side by side “before and after” photos of the area that you plan to beautify, making sure that they are clearly labeled. Take any photos that are relative to your project and add them to your report.

Beautification ideas to consider:

Classroom:

- Start an indoor garden by planting seeds and transferring them into an outdoor garden
- Research different composting techniques
- Find articles that relate to making our environment beautiful

Walkways:

- Look for areas that need beautification
- Plant flowers along outside walkways
- Plant trees
- Place planters along walkways
- Paint a campus mural with adult/staff supervision

Garden:

- If you already have a garden, find ways to make it better (Ex: Water conservation techniques)
- Remove/replace dead or dying plants
- Research native plants for pollinators
- Plant colorful waterwise plants
- Incorporate a composting bin
- Build planter boxes
- Plant vegetables

3. **Please complete the Campus Beautification Report on the next page:**

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT FORM

Campus Beautification Project dates:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____

* How many total students participated in the Beautification Team project during the time of the contest:

Example: 5 (students) x 8 (classrooms) = 40 (students) #Students: _____

* How many total hours did students contribute to the Beautification team projects during the contest:

Example: 40 (students) x 2 (hours each week) x 4 weeks = 320 hours #Hours: _____

* Number of plants/trees/flowers planted during the time of the contest: _____

* Estimated total weight of green waste removed or composted for ALL projects over the entire contest:

Example: 15 (bags of green waste) x 20 (lbs each) = 300lbs of green waste #Lbs. _____

Beautification Education:

What area(s) on your campus were improved as a beautification project?

How did you promote the beautification projects on campus?

Were there any classroom projects relating to campus beautification?

What (if any) year-round beautification project(s) were completed?

WATER CONSERVATION TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

KRRB partners with Rio Rancho Water Conservation environmental programs to educate more about water conservation. Here are five opportunities for schools to evaluate:

1. Identify areas of your school where conserving water is an opportunity. (Examples: the bathrooms, garden, classroom sinks, etc.)
2. Make note of leaky faucets, or faulty toilets
3. Encourage the students to report when they find these occurrences.
4. Find a way to fix these problems, or use the wasted water in a creative way.
5. Take photos of any water issues you may come across.
6. Identify Rain water harvesting opportunities. Are there puddles or flooding in certain areas? How could you change the flow of water to use it in a better way. (H2O team and Green team could work on this together)

Water conservation ideas to consider:

- * Start a campaign for Water Conservation awareness at your school
- * Save the rain for your schools garden by using a rain barrel
- * Organize a club/group to install waterwise plants
- * Do a science project on the topic of Water Conservation

Please complete the Water Conservation Report on the next page:

***For additional information on Water Conservation techniques please email or call Rio Rancho's Environmental Program Manager, Naomi Herrera at 505.896.8737
nherrera@rrnm.gov***

WATER CONSERVATION TEAM REPORT FORM

Water Conservation Project Dates:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____

- How many total students participated in the Water Conservation Team projects over the course of the contest:

Example: 5 (students) x 8 (classrooms) = 40 (students) #Students _____

- How many total hours did students contribute to the Water Conservation Project during the course of the contest:

Example: 40 (students) x 2 (hours each week) x 4 weeks = 320 hours #Hours _____

What area(s) on your campus was there an opportunity to conserve water?

How did you promote water conservation on campus?

Were there any classroom projects relating to water conservation?

What (if any) year-round water conservation projects were completed?

CLEAN CAMPUS COMPETITION

Overview & Comments

School: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please note any additional information you feel is necessary to consider for the final review:

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HOW WILL YOUR SCHOOL BE JUDGED?

Each school will have from **March 24th - April 14th** to produce results. Please plan on starting early so your school will have enough time to develop strong teams.

The following materials **MUST** be submitted to KRRB for a final review:

- ⇒ Report Form(s) *Judges will base evaluation from these form(s)
- ⇒ Photos (optional, but **HIGHLY** encouraged)

Once the materials are submitted to KRRB, all participating schools will receive a final evaluation to determine the winners. All of the submitted judging materials will be reviewed by the KRRB Advisory Board to determine the winning school.

Your school may participate in one or all team(s). However, due to City and State purchasing restrictions there will only be one winning team per school.

1st place winner - will receive materials for campus beautification with a value of **\$500**

2nd place winner - a value of **\$300**

3rd place winner - a value of **\$200**

KRRB staff will purchase and distribute these materials before the end of the school year.

All Clean Campus Contest Winners will be announced and notified the week of **April 28th 2025**.

Remember:

This is a friendly competition. Please have fun and be creative. We encourage your schools to continue these efforts throughout the year. Be proud and show the judges how amazing you can be!

For any questions regarding the Clean Campus Contest, please contact:

KRRB at ndahl@rrnm.gov or 505-549-8030

Thank you for all your efforts in keeping your school campus clean and beautiful!