

BEWARE OF INVADERS

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Introduction to Stewardship Project

An organism that makes a home for itself in a new place is an alien. One reason alien species often thrive in foreign lands is that they are free from the predators in their native habitats. Alien species often become pests and drive out native species. Trying to control the problem can be unsuccessful. Taking steps to educate others is the first step to finding a solution. Know who these invaders are and how to stop them from adapting to their new environments.

Objectives

Students read about environmental problems and solutions. Technology based research allowed them to explore alien species in our area. Students presented power point presentations to introduce their specie to their classroom peers. To further educate the school body, students created posters to bring public knowledge to the invaders.

Student Activities

Students had to educate themselves on the invading specie they wanted to publicize. Once knowledgeable on their subjects their tactic was to publicize their plan of action. Using advertisement to educate the public they explained their plan and why others needed to become aware of the problems of these invaders. A lesson on advertising was also addressed in how to bring creativity to a cause. Sparking interest by visually stimulating a person's senses was the first step in gaining control of the problem. Having concise information that would quickly educate someone within seconds was the second goal to their creativity. And finally having solutions as part of their advertisement would allow others to feel some control over the problems.

Outcome/Impact of the Project

Students came to realize that not everything belongs in a habitat. Even though we see species does not mean those species originated from here. Students slowly realized that the environment that they live in had these invaders living among them. In order to make a conscience change they needed to bring awareness to the problem.