

You Can Make a Difference Too!

Every little bit helps! Individual actions can help protect and restore vital habitats.

Easy things that you can do to help are:

- REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
- Turn off lights and electronics
- Use reusable bags
- Set up a no idle zone at school
- Set thermostat up/down 2° depending on the season
- Walk, bicycle or use public transportation
- Grow your own vegetables
- Buy local, sustainable foods
- Drink from a reusable container
- Be a conservationist
- Support national and local Climate Change initiatives
- Limit the time your vehicle idles
- Complete a home energy audit
- Weather-proof your home
- Use a programmable thermostat
- Eat less meat and more alternative protein sources
- Support food co-ops and farmer's markets
- PLANT TREES!

You can make individual actions multiply when you inspire others to join your activity. Lastly, donate to the Trees For You and Me grant by going to www.aazk.org and clicking on the TFYM donation button!

Contact Information

Trees for You and Me
is an AAZK Program that endows a Grant for reforestation efforts.

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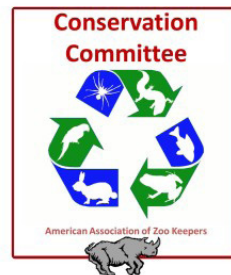
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Did You Know You Could Plant Trees For Polar Bears?

Trees for You and Me (TFYM) is a conservation program created through a partnership between the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) and Polar Bears International (PBI). Both organizations recognize a mutual passion in combatting climate change and reaching out to communities to aid in greening efforts. Funds raised by local AAZK chapters and other conservationists from the communities are used in an annual grant program aimed at providing funding for tree-planting in areas of the world that have been devastated by deforestation.

How Does the Trees for You and Me Grant Work?

The Trees for You and Me Grant is a forest-based carbon offset grant with funds generated by individual AAZK chapters hosting Trees for You and Me fundraising events. This grant furthers AAZK's and PBI's quest to fight climate change by providing funds to be used for reforestation and habitat revitalization. Any community that has faced deforestation on a large scale from a natural disaster is invited to apply.



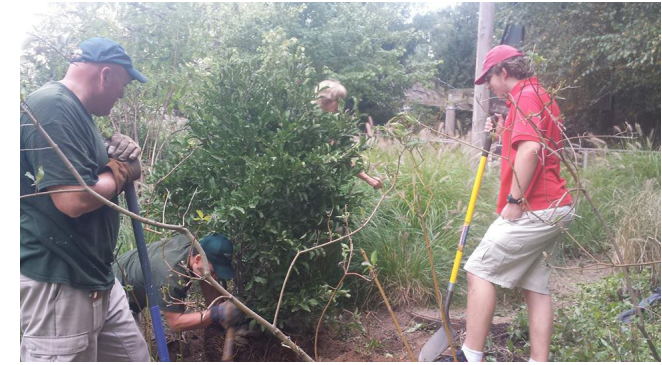
How Does Planting Trees Help Polar Bears?

Due to increasing amounts of greenhouse gases, the Earth's temperature is rising at an alarming rate. Reducing the build-up of carbon in the atmosphere is necessary to reverse climate change. Melting sea ice from these warming conditions is a direct threat to polar bears that depend upon the ice to hunt, breed, and den. Less carbon in the atmosphere means better conditions to retain arctic sea ice and improve habitats.

Trees act as "carbon sinks" that absorb CO₂ from the air. They store this carbon in roots, trunks, stems, and leaves while they grow and in wood products after they're harvested.

Planting trees is one of the few tools that we have to sequester carbon. Saving tropical rainforests is even more impactful.

Zoo Keepers Making a Difference



Zoo keepers across the globe are working to save polar bears not only in a zoo setting but also from their own backyards. Local AAZK Chapters can host events to raise funds for TFYM between International Polar Bear Day and Polar Bear Week.

Each year individual AAZK chapters hold fundraiser events supporting tree plantings. Over 100,000 trees have been planted and counting. In addition, chapters raise approximately \$15,000 annually. This TFYM fundraising initiative goes toward a grant focused on carbon reduction through reforestation efforts.

