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Sustainability in My Community - 4 Hour Group Activity

Team Instructions

Before your team departs on the sustainability scavenger hunt, be sure you understand the tasks below. Also, make sure you understand how you should deliver your team results and phone interview.

While some of the answers to these tasks can be found online, the major goal of this activity is for you to engage in exploring your local area from the ground. Go out into your community, ask questions, and have fun!

Tasks:

1. **Interview a Green Professional:** Find a professional who works in some area of sustainability and conduct 5-10 minute interview with him or her. The interview should be taped or vide-recorded on the cell phone of one member of your group. You should ask this individual some relevant questions related to topics that you have learned about in class.
2. **Locate a LEED Certified building** in the community. Be sure to note its location, the level of certification it has earned, and the business or owner if possible
3. **Locate 3 retail businesses that have low-flow fixtures:** List the name and location of the business and also mention which fixtures you have identified as low-flow.
4. **Find 2 local restaurants that serve locally sourced, sustainable food:** If possible, talk to an employee, manager, or owner about where the farms or providers are located and why they chose this option.
5. **City Sustainability:** Research the City of Santa Fe and write a brief paragraph about 3 initiatives or goals that the City has implemented in order to make progress in areas of sustainability.
6. **Find a Sustainable Business:** Find a local business that is incorporating sustainability into their operations. List the name and address of the business. Write a few sentences about what they are doing in terms of sustainable operations. Be sure to include the source of your information, this may be the name of an individual you spoke with, or a publication, website, etc.
7. **Interview 5 Residents (NOT members of your class!):** conduct a brief survey of 5 individuals to determine the most pressing sustainability issue for Santa Fe. Go to a public location and work as a team to ask 5 citizens their opinions. If you do this as a group, it can be quick and easy. All you need to do is stop 5 individual in a public location. Tell them that you are in a sustainability class and you would like to know their opinion. Ask them each the following question: "What do you believe is the most important sustainability issue concerning residents of Santa Fe?" Record their answers as accurately as possible (word-for-word is ideal).
8. **Find 3 Sustainability Resources:** determine and list 3 resources in Santa Fe that are available to help businesses or individuals be more sustainable. The resources could really be anything as long as it is a service available to the community that pertains to sustainability.