

INVASIVE SPECIES

and pollution

The Challenge

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals, or microorganisms that spread rapidly and harm local ecosystems, wildlife, and economies. These species often thrive due to a lack of natural predators and competition, disrupting

Who: Groups of 3 or 4

Where: At home or in their community

How long: Complete in 1 day

Steps


 Invasive Species Action Plan

✓ **Identify & Report Invasive Species** - Find and document at least one invasive species (plant or animal) in your area.

✓ **Remove Invasive Plants** - Safely remove at least 3 invasive plants from a green space.

✓ **Prevent Spread of Invasive Species** - Clean shoes, bikes, and gear after visiting nature areas to avoid spreading invasive seeds.

✓ **Reduce Pollution That Helps Invasives Thrive** - Collect at least 10 pieces of waste from a park, river, or beach.

Take action to protect native ecosystems! 

 **Evaluation Criteria**

✓ Identifying & Reporting - Document and report an invasive species in your area.

✓ Invasive Plant Removal - Safely remove and dispose of invasive plants.

✓ Preventing Spread - Clean your gear and avoid spreading non-native plants.

✓ Pollution Reduction - Clean up waste and avoid using harmful chemicals.

Protect native ecosystems by taking action! 