

Eco-Peace Constitution

Article I. Name

- A. The name of this club is Eco-Peace. This is to represent the peaceful relationship we want to restore with our ecosystem around us.

Article II. Objectives and Purpose

- A. Eco-Peace is an Ohio State club that represents the standard of excellence that students feel toward the love of the Earth and their campus. Our mission is to work towards a greener OSU through clean-ups, sustainability practices, and environmental social encouragement. From understanding our past; the problems we have made in respect to the kindness we show the Earth that birthed us, we work towards fixing our mistakes and ensuring that the next generation will be better off than us. Everything we do is in order to enjoy life to its fullest extent, not only for ourselves and the rest of humanity, but for all the animals and plants we share our home with. We stand for love, fun, and k toward all. We do all this through weekly trash pickups on campus. We also do everything we can not only through treatment, but also through prevention. On top of all of that we have a strong social campaign that stands for and encourages all students to treat their campus like their home and ensure that it is clean and healthy. Finally, our future goals are to eventually work with the faculty and administration to make OSU a completely green campus with zero waste. This club was founded from the upsetting state of campus in concern to the amount of pollution and disregard for the environment. We feel the responsibility as a high standing university to do as much good as possible in respect to caring for nature, especially considering the unfortunate condition we allowed it to get to. We aim to restore campus to its natural beauty and elegance. This will do good not only for Ohio State but we hope, as OSU traditionally does, it will set a standard for universities all over the nation and the world to treat our environment with the same level of respect that it does for us and then some to make up for the travesties we have caused Earth in the past. Peace and Love!

Article III. Members

Anyone is allowed to become a General Member and come to meetings as they please for free. The only requirement of being a General Member is that you come to one volunteer trash pick-up. In order to hear about the times and locations and signing up for these events people will be notified through the Groupme and newsletter, both of which will be advertised by our outreach committee.

If a General Member would like to become a Peace Member they will need to come to three of the Development meetings during the school year. These events will also be advertised in both the GroupMe and the newsletter. Peace members will have a direct impact on how the club grows and develops along with how we plan our events.

In terms of removing members, this will mainly be up to the members discretion, whether they want to keep attending volunteer events and/or meetings. If there is ever the event that a

member thinks that another member should be banned from the club for inappropriate behavior they will need to report this to a club officer and the officers will hear the optional testimony from the reporting member and the mandatory testimony from the reported member and then a unanimous vote from all of the officers will be needed to remove the member. If the member would like to join the club the next semester they will need to contact an officer and ask for a hearing to be readmitted to the club. This will be decided by another unanimous vote by the current officers after hearing testimony from the prospect member.

Article IV. Officer Responsibilities

The Officer Responsibilities are supposed to act as general guidelines to the officers and the officer structure. Any hierarchy gives no more value to any particular position; it merely designates responsibility accordingly. New positions are able to be and encouraged to be added if deemed necessary by article VI.

The purpose of this document is to inform and hold accountable all officers to their responsibilities so that Eco-Peace will be able to flourish and have as little resistance as possible when it comes to planning of any sort. This is done by listing all of the responsibilities of each officer respectfully and including a layout so that all officers may understand and collaborate with each other as best as possible. This document was made with a growth mindset in that everyone should be adding to it with any ideas that they have as we should always be looking to grow all of our opportunities. All of the information is separated by team (and team lead) so that there is an organization structure that follows:

President (Ben Rosenthal, rosenthal.193)

The President is in charge of everything. This is a huge responsibility and should be cared for respectfully. It will take a lot of time so plan accordingly and buckle up! The most important thing to remember is that no matter how hard it gets and how much you may feel that your breath is falling on deaf ears, keep going and put out an incredible attitude of passion toward bringing together your members and officers to do something truly great. The position of President is required by OSU. More specifically what this means is detailed as followed:

- Update the Calendar with school and Eco-Peace events.
 - Organize, update, and upload any necessary documents to the [school page](#).
 - Roster
 - Goals
 - Constitution
 - Fill out the [Space Use Agreement](#) form.
 - Sign up for both [Club Fairs](#) (both Fall and Spring).
 - Communicate with [other clubs](#) about collaborations (both OSU and outside organizations).
 - Plan and propose ideas for events and initiatives to the teams.
 - Update the drive annually.
 - Main point of contact with the advisor.
 - Inspire people about sustainability.
 - Meet with every officer individually or in small groups before each semester starts to get everyone in the right headspace and direction.
 - Organize officer meetings and update officers that have to miss meetings.
 - Make sure we meet logistical, financial, and social deadlines.
 - Deliberate work to the other officers.
 - Make sure events go as planned.
 - Act as a resource for anything another officer or member may need.
 - Handle any communications with the university.
 - Reach out and help to facilitate collaboration with other student orgs.
 - Facilitate Eco-Peace's participation in larger collaborative events (e.g. Earth Day).
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Vice President (Camden Bade, bade.20)

The Vice President is integral in making sure that Eco-Peace stays its course and everything runs smoothly. Your position also has the main purpose of helping the President with anything they may miss or are too busy for. You are also in charge of working with the other officers to make sure that anything they may need they can get! Another incredibly important part of this role is to give off great vibes. This is to make sure everyone feels that you are approachable and will feel encouraged by your support so that they can do their best! You are a leader of the officers and they will look to you so don't take that responsibility lightly. The position of Vice President is required by OSU. More specifically what this means is detailed as followed:

- Plan and propose ideas for events and initiatives to the teams.
 - Communicate with the Officers about changes in school proceedings that affect the club.
 - Be the main point of contact for all of the officers and assist them in anything they may need (although this is the responsibility of both the vice president and the president this is more designated to the vice to offload responsibility from the president).
 - Assist the president in completing their responsibilities as we are all students and very busy and overwhelmed (Yes this means I am also asking you to read over the president's page as well).
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Treasurer (Jacob Krauss, krauss.81)

The Treasurer has very possibly the most important position of Eco-Peace. You are in charge of everything money related. Because of this you must keep in contact with all of the teams in case they need money for any of their events. The position of Treasurer is required by OSU. More specific details of responsibilities are as follows:

- Keep the Calendar up to date about all fundraising events and initiatives.
 - Brainstorm, plan, organize, and initiate fundraising events.
 - Apply for [Program Funding](#).
 - Apply for [Operation Funding](#).
 - Turn in Audit forms for all [CSA Funding](#).
 - Apply for [USG Funding](#).
 - Apply for [Student Organization Development Grant](#).
 - Look for and apply for grants.
 - Manage funds so that departments can use the funds responsibly.
 - Communicate with the Executive Department about finances.
 - Fill out tax forms.
 - Keep track of all receipts/expenses and any sort of financial or banking information.
 - Fill out any vendor forms needed for funding (this is typically needed for clubs and OSU events)
 - Reach out to local businesses to get free stuff.
 - Plan and organize fundraising events.
 - Reach out to departments to see if they would sponsor an event.
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Outreach Officer ()

Without the Outreach Officer, Eco-Peace would crumble. You're in charge of any communication that has to do with Eco-Peace. This includes both incoming information as well as outgoing messages. This is done through emails, social media, and GroupMe. On top of that you are in charge of planning that goes into outreach events and anything that helps with recruiting members. And just as important is to reach out to OSU and spread our ideas and initiatives (we don't expect to have everyone in OSU in Eco-Peace, however, we would love everyone to be aware of us). Because of these great responsibilities you must be aware of all upcoming events and initiatives. More specific details of responsibilities are as follows:

- Keep the Calendar up to date about all outreach events and initiatives.
 - Brainstorm, plan, organize, and initiate Outreach events and initiatives.
 - Communicate with the Executive Department about outreach.
 - Keep close coordination and communication with all teams so that their events and initiatives can be advertised correctly and on time.
 - Announce Events Over Social Media and GroupMe in the following manner:
 - Make a post/announcement:
 - 7 days in advance
 - 3 days in advance
 - The day of
 - Send weekly emails during the school semesters so that people are up to date about what is going on with Eco-Peace every week and also just feel happy to be part of such a cool community and to be up to date on sustainable current events.
 - Make sure that all members are both in the GroupMe and the Email List and they know our socials.
 - Communicate with school organizations to help advertise Eco-Peace and our mission.
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Education Officer (Marissa Wise, wise.1332) (Abha Upadhye, upadhye.5)

As there is oh-so-much to know about sustainability and, even though knowing all of it is far from necessary, the more you can know the better! It is therefore our responsibility to do the best we can in educating our members about anything sustainable or eco-friendly. We will do this through brainstorming, planning, and executing educational events and initiatives. The purpose of these events is to educate ourselves and the rest of our members about topics of sustainability. You should also be on the lookout for events being put on by other clubs and OSU. These topics will work even better if we pair them with a craft based event related to the topic. You should feel free to communicate with absolutely anyone in the world, especially other officers! Other than that just be creative and excited and fun and bold and you will do incredible at this position!

The purpose of the Education Officer is more than anything else to have a passion, and a drive, and an initiative that burns like the flames of Hell! You will need to be inspiring and have a lot of initiative. Past that you are obviously in charge of communicating everything that's going on, relatively, between the executive board and your team. Just keep in mind you're doing great and you got this!

A more specific layout of responsibilities is as follows:

- [Brainstorm](#), research, plan, organize, and execute educational events and initiatives.
- Communicate with and organize speakers for events.
- Add all events and initiatives to the Calendar.
- Communicate with the Outreach Officer about all events and initiatives.
- Communicate with the Treasurer about any funding you may need.
- Keep aware of other clubs that have similar events and try to combine!
- Organize, plan and run Monthly Educational Events.
- Look into collaborating with other student organizations.

Social Officer ()

An integral key to Eco-Peace is the community that we foster for our members to feel happy, and safe, and always expect a good time. You will do this through brainstorming, planning, and executing social events and initiatives. These events don't have to do anything with sustainability, however, if there is a sustainable way to execute a social plan that method of execution is preferred. The purpose of these events is to bring people closer and help people make friends with one another and take a freaking break from school. You should feel free to communicate with absolutely anyone in the world, especially other officers! Other than that just be creative and excited and fun and bold and you will do incredible at this position!

The purpose of the Social Officer is more than anything to have a passion and an initiative that crashes like the thunder of Zeus! You will need to be inspiring and have a lot of initiative. Past that you are obviously in charge of communicating everything that's going on, relatively, between the executive board and your team. Just keep in mind you're doing great and you got this!

A more specific layout of responsibilities is as follows:

- [Brainstorm](#), plan, organize, and execute social events and initiatives.
- Add all events and initiatives to the Calendar.
- Communicate with the Outreach Officer about all events and initiatives.
- Communicate with the Treasurer about any funding you may need.
- Keep aware of other clubs that have similar events and try to collaborate!
- Add any fun you can to educational and volunteer events to make them more fun (offering to lead a group of people to the bars/park after an event)

Volunteer Officer (Isabella Price, price.1641)

The main reason Eco-Peace was started was with the purpose of gathering people to put our “hands in the dirt” and volunteer. The main volunteering event we formed Eco-Peace for was to do trash pick-ups. Beside making sure that we consistently have trash pick-ups, you are in charge of brainstorming, planning, and executing other volunteer events and initiatives. The purpose of these events and initiatives is so that all of our members can feel that they have every opportunity to volunteer any way they want! You should also be on the lookout for events being hosted by other clubs and OSU. You should feel free to communicate with absolutely anyone in the world, especially other officers! Other than that just be creative and excited and fun and bold and you will do incredible at this position!

The purpose of the Volunteer Officer is more than anything to have a passion and an initiative that howls like the winds of a Tornado! You will need to be inspiring and have a lot of initiative. Past that you are obviously in charge of communicating everything that's going on, relatively, between the executive board and your team. Just keep in mind you're doing great and you got this!

A more specific layout of responsibilities is as follows:

- [Brainstorm](#), plan, organize, and execute educational events and initiatives.
 - Add all events and initiatives to the Calendar.
 - Communicate with the Outreach Officer about all events and initiatives.
 - Communicate with the Treasurer about any funding you may need.
 - Keep aware of other clubs that have similar events and try to combine!
 - Track volunteer hours.
 - Look into other orgs that will want to collaborate for volunteering events.
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Article V. Membership and Voting

If a person has 3 volunteer hours and has attended an educational event as well as a social event they will be considered an official Eco-Peace member and qualify to vote.

Article VI. Amendments

- A. The constitution should be a living document in the sense that it is revisited every year. It needs approval of all officers before it is sent into the OSU system. It is open to changes at each reapproval process. All changes need a 2/3rds vote of approval.

Article VII. Non-Discrimination

- A. This organization and its members shall not discriminate negatively against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, AIDS/HIV status or veteran status

Article IIX. Officer Elections/Removal/Dismissal

- A. There will be elections held at the end of every year. At these events self nominated candidates will give a speech to members and the members will vote. Decisions are made by popular vote.
- B. In hopes of growth of the club we will most likely need to add on additional officer positions for new responsibilities. In that case, the current officers will decide if the additional position is necessary and if so the initial officer for the new position will be selected by the overseeing officers and every person filling the position thereafter will be based on a regular vote (as described above).
- C. In terms of officer removal, the founders will be grandfathered in for two years (assuming this is what the person holding the position is interested in) but all additional officer positions will be filled and changed by the standards described above in regard to voting.
- D. In the unfortunate series of events that an officer needs to be removed from their position one officer will call a vote. All of the officers will vote and the position in question will need a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ in order for the person to be removed.

Article IX. The Spirit of Banjo the Frog

- A. Eco-Peace should mean many things to many people. And those views can and should vary person to person. However, whenever anyone thinks of Eco-Peace the one feeling that should unite all of their views must be the Spirit of Banjo. This feeling is the feeling of survival and community. The reason a frog was chosen as the mascot of Eco-Peace is that they are indicator species, meaning their presence is an indicator that the ecosystem is in good health and vice versa. So it is our duty to keep Banjo, and Eco-Peace, alive and well so that everyone else in our ecosystem knows things are gonna be okay. And that is something we can only do together.