



# Inspire youth leadership through **service learning**

## **Dear Program Leader,**

As you may know, community involvement can be an effective way for youth to gain self-esteem, develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and practice leadership skills.

USDA created the [Leave Hungry Pests Behind](#) service learning curriculum to educate youth on the importance of stopping the spread of invasive insects and plants that can harm our nation's parks, forests, farms, and food supply.

**These FREE tools for educators include workshops for grades K-12 that can be completed inside or outside of the classroom. You'll also find community service projects customized for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 that allow youth to apply new knowledge through real-world, hands-on, project-based activities. Plus, standards-aligned infotext articles allow all ages to explore exciting future career opportunities with USDA.**

Check out these and other free resources today, and start inspiring young leaders to stop the spread of Hungry Pests!

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