



How to start a Local A-Team

Starting a Local A-Team

A-Team for Wildlife invites everyone who cares about wildlife and the future of this planet to start their own Local A-Team in their school, group, company, and community. We invite you to experience how the spirit of volunteerism can empower individuals to come together for a common cause, and by active participation, make a real difference in the world. A-Team for Wildlife offers membership benefits and basic training for all new Local A-Teams. It is simple and fun. Each A-Team has a volunteer Adult Leader, and it is recommended between 5 and 20 youth members. We provide Guidelines and handouts readily available on our website. Personal support by email and telephone is also available. Your support for endangered wildlife is important to us so we do all we can to help you launch your own A-Team.

Why start a Local A-Team at your school or group?

1. A-Teams offer an ideal way to introduce youth to natural science, environmental and social issues.
2. Young people learn a community service ethos.
3. Students build confidence through practicing leadership behaviors, like teaching others and public speaking.
4. Youth are encouraged to use their innate interests and talents to raise funds.
5. Cultivate managerial skills like finance and record keeping.
6. Provide opportunities to learn how to start your own business.
7. Experience working effectively in groups.
8. Increase interest in other academic lessons by relating to A-Team activities.
9. Build a community spirit through community activities.
10. Make new friends.
11. Experience support for achieving goals
12. Chances to win rewards: Exciting Educational Wildlife Experiences.
13. Give students a chance to meet Dr. Jones when he visits.

Guidelines for starting a Local A-Team:

1. Each group needs at least two student members. Ten is recommended, but no more than 20, unless other Adult Volunteer Leaders are available to help, is advised.
2. School A-Teams from kindergarten to high school require a teacher advisor.
3. A recommended arrangement is to have 2 or more classrooms of students, each form their own A-Team and compete with their fund-raising goals.
4. A-Teams are welcome to adopt team names, like “A-Team for siberian tigers”, “Fisher School A-Team”, or “Mr. Reynold’s A-Team”.
5. College student groups are recommended to have a professor or environmental specialist as an advisor.
6. All Local A-Team members and teams will be eligible to apply for competitions and Rewards

offered by A-Team For Wildlife.

7. All A-Teams must be willing to

- forward all membership fees and donations collected to A-Team For Wildlife headquarters.
- contact with other A-Team student groups.
- participate in A-Team for Wildlife events.
- share their project experience, results, and expertise with other A-Team groups around the world.
- allow A-Team For Wildlife to publish relevant information regarding the groups projects and achievements on A-Team For Wildlife newsletters, website, and media.

Local A-Team responsibilities:

1. A-Teams must submit a report of its activities, projects, and events every three months.
2. A-Teams must forward all membership fees and donations collected to A-Team For Wildlife headquarters monthly or quarterly.
3. Any changes in team leadership and team contact information must be reported to A-Team For Wildlife in a timely manner.

How to start:

1. Fill out the A-Team For Wildlife Local A-Team Application Form, online. Pay the membership fees of the founding youth members, (there is no fee for the Volunteer Adult Leaders).
2. The office will process your applications and then contact you to confirm your registration with A-Team For Wildlife.
3. Download the relevant Guides and handouts from our website.
4. Organize your first team meeting. Discuss whether your team effort will be a group campaign or individual campaigns, and explore ideas for possible campaigns. Decide how each member wants to raise funds for wildlife, and when you will begin.
5. Refer to your downloaded Guidelines for suggestions and ideas for fund-raising campaigns, public education campaigns, and events. Make your plans!

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Notice and Disclaimer In your efforts to connect children with nature, A-Team For Wildlife would like to remind parents and other adults that there are risks associated with wildlife activities. A-Team For Wildlife recommends that before you start on your adventures, you become aware of and alert children to any unsafe areas or conditions that may be present in your surroundings. You should also be aware of your childrens' physical limitations and always take necessary safety precautions while exploring the outdoors. In addition, our Web site contains information written by third parties and links to third-party Web sites. This information may not necessarily reflect the views of A-Team For Wildlife or any of its members, directors or employees, and the inclusion of this information does not imply an endorsement of that information by A-Team For Wildlife. A-Team For Wildlife does not guarantee the accuracy or reliability of any third party information contained in this Web site or any link on the Web site.