



**KEEP
ARKANSAS
BEAUTIFUL**

SERVICE-LEARNING SHORT-TERM PROJECT

Grades 9 - 12

Native Plant Start Pots for Community Distribution

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Students grow native plants from seed and distribute them to parks, schools, or community members to support local ecosystems.

PURPOSE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Native plants strengthen ecosystems, support pollinators, and improve biodiversity. This project helps communities restore habitats while teaching students about regional ecology and stewardship.

STUDENT LEARNING BENEFITS

- Builds knowledge of native ecosystems
- Supports pollinator and habitat restoration
- Develops long-term environmental responsibility
- Creates visible, lasting community impact

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT

6–10 service hours over 2 weeks

PROJECT STEPS

1. **Research** appropriate native species
2. **Plant** and maintain seedlings
3. **Coordinate** distribution locations
4. **Deliver** or plant seedlings
5. **Document** growth and placement

DELIVERABLES

- Seedling inventory
- Planting or distribution log
- Reflection and photos

STUDENT ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
Project Preparation & Planning	Thorough planning; clear organization and initiative	Adequate planning and organization	Limited planning or unclear organization
Execution & Accuracy	Tasks completed accurately and completely	Tasks completed with minor errors	Incomplete or inaccurate work
Data & Documentation	Detailed, well-organized documentation	Complete documentation	Incomplete or unclear documentation
Community Impact & Insight	Strong understanding of purpose and community benefit	Clear understanding of project purpose	Limited connection to community impact
Reflection & Effort	Thoughtful, insightful reflection; high engagement	Complete reflection; consistent effort	Minimal reflection or effort