

The KIB NEWSLETTER



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KIB WRAPS UP ANOTHER SEMESTER OF SERVICE LEARNING WITH NORTH LAKE STUDENTS



NLC students at the end of the Unite For Troops event

KIB recently completed its ninth semester of partnering with North Lake College's Service Learning Program. Our students logged over 200 hours in a variety of activities while earning credit in their classes. Here are some of the events they attended:

- Cleanups: Irving Lake Association's Lake Vilbig fall cleanup and the Trinity Trash Bash
- Green Events: The Irving Disability Expo, YMCA Fall Festival, and Unite For Troops
- Paint Projects: Northwest Recreation Center and Running Bear Park
- North Lake Central Campus donation table

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope all our friends are enjoying this holiday season. Here are some events coming up in December:

- 12/1: Bear Creek Church Community Garden—KIB will attend the kick-off of this project from 1:00 to 4:00
- 12/4: KIB Holiday Party and Open House at the KIB office
- 12/5: KAB Webinar on social media

Throughout the month, we will also be working on our GCAA and Keep Texas Beautiful Awards applications. Wish us luck as we showcase Irving and our great partners!

NOVEMBER RECAP

- 11/1: KIB attended the Irving ISD Recycling Kick-Off, along with representatives from the Coca-Cola ReImagine Recycle Center and the IISD.
- 11/7: Staff attended a Keep America Beautiful Web-Chat as part of their continuing education
- 11/6-9: North Lake Students had a KIB table on the main campus where they took donations for the Unite For Troops event
- 11/9: Arbor Day Celebration at TJ Lee Elementary, the top paper recycler in the IISD. Kirby joined Smokey the Bear and TJ the Lion to honor the students.
- 11/10: Porter's Unite for Troops Event: KIB's 4th year to make this a green event. NLC students worked at the KIB table and other booths, kept the grounds litter-free and monitored the recycling.
- 11/14: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- 11/15: America Recycles Day: KIB partnered with the YMCA again this year, where seniors and youth groups competed to be the top recyclers. 1,030 pounds of recyclables were collected during the first two weeks of November.
- 11/16: Paint Project at Running Bear Park. Service Learning students painted the large pavilion.



Service Learning students helped beautify Irving by painting at Running Bear Park (L) and pulling litter out of the river at the Trinity Trash Bash (R)

THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This week's contributing board member is Karen Harmon: A construction project with my son over the summer reminded me that "I think we can" is a challenge we can all make to ourselves to help the environment in our own small (or large!) way. It doesn't have to be a huge project, maybe just picking up litter around your neighborhood or helping those in need. Find your project, make some lasting memories, and help Keep Irving Beautiful along the way.

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