



## Volunteer With Us!

There are several recurring [volunteer opportunities](#) through the Office of Sustainability that you can participate in throughout the semester. The volunteer sites and times are listed below. Click the title of each to learn more and sign up!

[Campus Cleanups](#): You organize your own group & choose the time

[Compost Facility](#): Alternating Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9am-12pm

[Grow Lab](#): Select Saturdays, 9am-12pm

[Recycling Warehouse](#): Every other Friday, 10am-12pm

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# HUNGER

We can end hunger one helping at a time.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH™



## National Hunger Action Month

September is National Hunger Action Month. During this month, people across the U.S. join together with the Feeding America network in order to combat hunger. This time is used to educate people about the hunger crises in the United States and encourage them to take action.

Hunger Action Month is particularly crucial this year because of COVID-19 - an estimated 54 million people are food insecure in 2020. Click [here](#) to learn more about National Hunger Action Month.

There are also several organizations at UTK that work to lessen food insecurity on our campus and surrounding community. They are listed below - click on their title to learn more.

**[End Hunger UT](#)**

**[Food Recovery Network](#)**

**[Smokey's Pantry](#)**

**[Swipe Out Hunger](#)**



## Green Infrastructure on UT's Campus

Electric vehicles (EVs) are better for the environment than petroleum or diesel vehicles. EVs emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants. Even with electricity generation taken into account, electric vehicles produce 17-30% less carbon emissions than petroleum or diesel vehicles. In many cities, road

transport accounts for half or more of total air pollution. EVs don't just lessen air pollution, they also lessen noise pollution. Electric vehicles are much quieter than conventional vehicles, which works to create a more peaceful environment for everyone. UT supports this advanced transportation technology by offering 19 EV charging stations at three locations across campus. Click [here](#) to learn more about EV charging stations on campus.



## Sustainable Tips for COVID-19

The novel Coronavirus pandemic has brought about trying times for everyone. Life as we once knew it has changed drastically. However, these changes do not mean that you have to sacrifice sustainability measures in your everyday life. Even small actions can add up to make a big difference. Click the button below to learn about what you can do to stay sustainable even during a global pandemic.

[Sustainability During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

### Community Events

Check out these sustainability related events in our community! Some are virtual, but some are in-person events. If you attend the in-person events, remember to wear a mask and socially distance from other attendees!

[Sunrise Yoga](#): September 11th, 9am to 10am

[Hike to Camp Kinchen](#): September 13th, 11am to 1pm

[Bradley County Master Gardner](#): September 16th, at 12pm

[Monarch Tagging in Cades Cove](#): September 17th, 10:15am to 2pm

[UT Arboretum Butterfly Festival](#): September 19th, at 10am

[National Public Lands Day at Seven Islands SBP](#): September 26th, 7:30am to 10:30pm

View the [UTK Event Calendar](#) or the [Outdoor Knoxville Calendar](#) for more events!

# PEOPLE & Planet

## Sustainability Major & Minor

The sustainability major and minor engage students in a systems approach to understanding the connections between society, economics, and the environment. Experiential learning is a core goal of the sustainability program. Students take service-learning and field methods courses as part of the curriculum and are encouraged to engage in sustainability initiatives on campus and in the surrounding community. Click [here](#) to learn more information about the sustainability major and minor!

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## Vol State Symbols

Within the U.S., each state has designated official symbols that represent the cultural heritage and natural treasures of that state. There are state flags and state beverages, but we would like to focus on state wildlife symbols that can be found within Tennessee! This month's edition will highlight the official Tennessee state amphibian, the Tennessee Cave Salamander.

The Tennessee Cave Salamander, *Gyrinophilu palleucus*, was named the official state amphibian in 1995. The salamander is often found in limestone caves that have streams in southeast and central Tennessee. These little guys are currently listed as a threatened species, which means they are vulnerable to endangerment in the near future. The salamander is particularly vulnerable to water pollution from agricultural runoff and septic tanks. Click [here](#) to learn more about our state amphibian.





Below is a list of sustainability related jobs across the US.

[Entry Level Geologist/Environmental Scientist](#) at Acardis

[Green Building Specialist](#) at U.S. Green Building Council

[Quality Operations - Environmental Monitoring Manager](#) at MERCK

[Sustainability Manager](#) at Compass Group USA

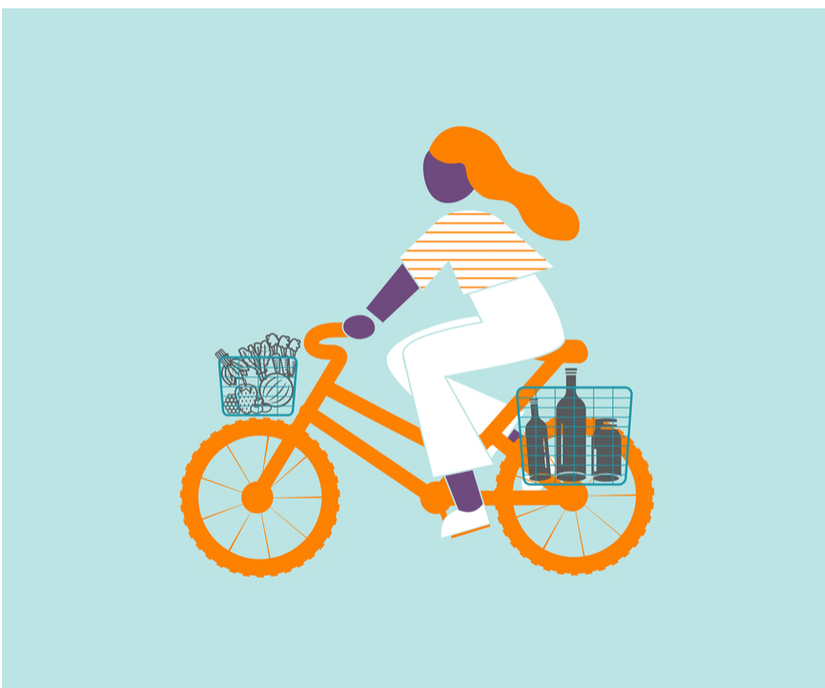
[Sustainability Science Researcher](#) at Amazon



## Sustainability Champion

The Sustainability Champion is an award given monthly that recognizes a member of UT's faculty, staff, or student body who exemplifies what it means to Make Orange Green through their environmental stewardship, leadership, and/or activism. Click the button below to nominate someone green for the month of September!

[Sustainability Champion Nomination Form](#)



TU	01	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <b>2020</b>
WE	02	
TH	03	
FR	04	
SA	05	
SU	06	<i>hunger awareness &amp; bike month</i>
MO	07	
TU	08	
WE	09	
TH	10	
FR	11	FREE STORE POP UP
SA	12	
SU	13	
MO	14	
TU	15	
WE	16	CCE MEETING GROW LAB VOLUNTEER DAY
TH	17	
FR	18	
SA	19	
SU	20	
MO	21	GROW LAB VOLUNTEER DAY
TU	22	
WE	23	
TH	24	
FR	25	
SA	26	THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
SU	27	
MO	28	
TU	29	
WE	30	

The September calendar is now available! We have multiple sizes and a phone background.  
Email [sustainability@utk.edu](mailto:sustainability@utk.edu) for a copy.

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