

# THE GREEN LEAF

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## Volunteer with Us!

Sign up to volunteer with our office! There are multiple opportunities to choose from - all of them support green initiatives in the surrounding community. There are ongoing opportunities that have fixed dates, as well as opportunities that you can arrange around your own schedule.

Campus Cleanups: Organize your own group to accomplish a campus or community cleanup in the Knoxville area. We provide materials such as gloves, bags, and trash grabbers. We also can

facilitate a sign-in and verification process that validates your hours served.

Sustainability Data Collection: This opportunity is highly flexible and can be done individually. In this experience, you will help gather and update important data on campus. We provide detailed instructions on what data is needed and where it can be collected. We can validate these hours served as well.

EcoBricks Workshop: These volunteers will help pack plastic bottles into a type of building material that can be used to build a bench that will eventually be placed in the UT Gardens. We are in need of volunteers for the following dates and times: March 12th, 5:00pm to 6:00pm and March 26th, 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

There will be more volunteer opportunities throughout the semester, so keep an eye out for them on our social media as well as our website! You can also volunteer with other local organizations - click [here](#) to see some that are listed on our website.



## Green Office Program

Are you a faculty or staff member looking for ways to make your office more sustainable? Get certified through our brand new Green Office Program! We have lots of resources that will make greening your office easy and fun. Plus, who doesn't love a little friendly competition!? Click the button below to learn more information.

Green Office Program



## Feedback on UT's Sustainability Master Plan

We're setting goals and creating a vision for the next 10 years of sustainability at UT. Want to make your voice heard in this process? Attend the workshop listed below or send your ideas to [sustainability@utk.edu](mailto:sustainability@utk.edu)! Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome to participate.

- Workshop: Committee on the Campus Environment meeting - March 12, 12:30pm to 1:30pm in Black Cultural Center Room 10

Be on the lookout for information about additional workshops with Alpha Kappa Psi and the SGA Environment and Sustainability Committee on our social media pages!

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## RecycleMania Results

Congratulations to Orange Hall for winning the 2020 RecycleMania Residence Hall portion of the competition with 542 points! Volunteer Hall was a close 2nd with 522 points, and Stokely trailed behind them finishing in 3rd place with 376 points. A huge thank you to all of the RAs for their diligent and change-driven work!

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## Community Events

Check out these sustainability related events in our community!

SNAP Awareness Day: March 10th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Macro Photography Workshop: March 19th, 6:00pm

Spring Hike: March 21st, 9:00am

Beardsley Farm Community Workday: March 21st, 9:00am to 12:00pm

GrowTeachKnox: March 28th, 8:30am to 1:30pm

Third Creek Greenway Park Run: March 28th, 9:00am

View the Outdoor Knoxville Calendar for more events!



## Sustainability Champion

The Sustainability Champion is a monthly award 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, or activism. Click the button below to nominate someone green for the month of March. The winner for February was Maryn Miles - there is more information about her listed below the nomination button.

Sustainability Champion Nomination

Maryn Miles is an amazing advocate for sustainability on campus! Not only has she worked to make the Free Store a success for over a year and a half, but she has ensured that recovered food makes its way to those in need, she is a student ambassador for the Post Landfill Action Network, and she is a cochair of the SGA E&S committee. Maryn is also an Anthropology major with a concentration in Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights. Maryn is definitely well placed to make a lasting impact through her hard work and dedication. Maryn is

pictured to the right, proudly holding her Sustainability Champion award.



## How to Make Reusable Bags

Have you accumulated a pile of old T-shirts that you no longer wear? Click the button below to learn how you can transform your old shirts into reusable bags - just don't forget to take them with you to the grocery store or Farmers' Market!

[Read More](#)

## Sustainability Job Openings

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

[Campus Sustainability Manager](#) at Omega Institute

[Executive Director of Sustainability](#) at Estée Lauder Companies

[Sustainability Manager](#) for the City of Boca Raton

[Sustainability Science Researcher](#) at Amazon

## Green Infrastructure on UT's Campus

Most students at UT are aware of the seal superstition - "if you step on the UT seal





before you graduate, then you will not graduate within four years." However, most students are unaware of the specific type of surface surrounding the seal that is an effective component of stormwater management on campus. Effective stormwater management reduces the amount of runoff and runoff pollution by slowing stormwater and allowing it to soak into the ground and vegetation

underneath - this leads to improved ecosystem functions and water quality. The type of stormwater management pictured above is called permeable paving, which is the paving over of vehicle and pedestrian pathways to enable the infiltration of stormwater runoff. This kind of water-permeable pavement actually covers 38,000 square feet of campus. Additionally, underground cisterns are present underneath campus that can capture up to 79,000 gallons of rainwater for reuse after a rainstorm.

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## Sustainability-based Surveys

There are three sustainability-based surveys listed below - please take them if you are 18 years or older and are a student, staff, or faculty member of the UT Community. The responses to these surveys will help us to work towards sustainable impacts on campus.



The Mug Project Survey



E-scooters Survey



*paper products, aluminum cans, scrap metal, clean plastic, cardboard, pallets, e-waste.*

*paper, aluminum, metal, plastic, cardboard, pallets, e-waste.*



*paper, aluminum, metal, plastic, cardboard, pallets, e-waste.*

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**MARCH**  
2020

MOSSMAN LECTURE  
TN ARBOR DAY: TREE CAMPUS CELEBRATION  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
PUBLIC RECYCLING  
DROP-OFF WEEK  
SNAP AWARENESS DAY  
CCE MEETING  
SPRING BREAK  
CLIMATE CHANGE: THE INSIDE SCOOP  
GROW TEACH KNOX

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The March 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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