

Information for participants and parents

About the Academy

- Academies are **one-day events** of up to 80 children carried out by 3-5 moderators and 1-2 already trained Ambassadors for Climate Justice.
- In Plant-for-the-Planet Academies, **children between 9 and 12 years** learn interesting facts about the causes and consequences of the climate crisis and become part of a worldwide network of active children as trained Ambassadors for Climate Justice.
- During the Academy, the children **plant their first trees** and plan own activities in order to sensitize other children and adults to the subject of climate justice and to motivate them to take action. As a working basis, all Ambassadors receive extensive information and background material. These materials and the participation in the Academy are free of charge for all participating children.
- The Plant-for-the-Planet Foundation is responsible for the contents of the Academies. Sponsors do not have any influence on the contents of the Academies. The contents are based on scientific research of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Research (PIK) and are guaranteed by the Club of Rome and the Global Marshall Plan Foundation.
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About the participation:

- The Academies are suitable for children of **10 to 12 years**. Particularly interested children can already attend at the age of 8 and up to 14 years.
- An Academy does not cost you anything! **The Academy is free for all children**, including lunch, snacks and transportation to the planting area if needed.
- The **registration** can be done **online**, so that we can make sure that all of the details are correct, and children are all located to the right academy. We can only accept applications via E-mail or phone in exceptions.
- For adults participation is possible as a volunteer, Moderator/Co-Moderator. Parents and grandparents can also support the Academy on site as supporters. If you are interested in the topic and enjoy working with children, you are right with us. Get in touch with us!

FAQs

My mobility is limited. Can I still participate at an academy?

- Yes, it is usually possible to participate. However, it depends on the venue. Therefore, please personally call us. You can reach us via the following number.+49 (0) 8808 9345. Or you can send us E-Mail akademie@plant-for-the-planet.org.

Can I bring my friends to the academy?

- Yes, of course, as long as they have registered on the website. However, normally, not more than 5-8 pupils from the same school should participate in an academy. Why? Because the goal is that once you get back from the academy you can give the first presentation in front of your class or at your school. If your whole class attends it will be more difficult to give your first presentation.

Is a photo release permission vital to participate at academies?

It is also possible to participate in an Academy without a permission. All children of whom it is allowed to take pictures receive their Plant-for-the-Planet T-shirt during registration at the beginning of each Academy. The children of whom it is not allowed to take pictures receive their t-shirt at the end of the Academy. This enables us to differentiate between the children of whom it is allowed to take pictures and of whom it is not allowed to take pictures the entire day. Additionally, there is a "Check-In" picture

being taken from every child. This picture is only used for internal purposes and is not published. On planting campaign photos on which the children often wear jackets that cover the T-shirts, it helps us to see whether the photos may be published or not.

By the way: You can check out pictures and videos from previous Academies on our [Flickr-Album](#) or our [YouTube-Channel](#) !

The Academy day

- Reaching the venue is organized self-responsibly by the children with the help of their parents and/or teachers.
- An Academy is always **entirely catered** so children and parents do not have to worry about bringing food. A vegetarian lunch, fruits, cookies or cake as well as drinks are provided. There will be no costs for the children.
- We ask you to bring along something to drink, as well as clothes adequate to the weather and sturdy shoes, perhaps rain trousers or sun protection and a trick control product. Moreover, you need the signed **photo release permission** (if your parents are happy to have our picture taken).
- The Academy takes an entire day, normally **from 9.00 a.m. to 6 p.m.**. But it depends on the organizers and the venue.
- You parents are welcome to join our **closing event**, which normally starts at around **5pm**. At this closing ceremony, you are going to present the acquired knowledge, ideas and steps of action to the adults.
- The children are being supervised from employees of Plant-for-the-Planet as well as from parents and teachers. Parents can **support us** as supervisors, please let us know if you are interested!

After the Academy

Now you are a Climate Justice Ambassador, who can become active. Here are some first ideas:

- Participate at an Academy through giving your own presentation to train other Ambassadors or sign up as a Co-Moderator.
- Make sure to check your E-mails on a regular basis, as we will contact you about interesting events and opportunities in your area. In case of a change of your E-mail address please contact us:info@plant-for-the-planet.org

How to become a speaker

- Speakers are the children that are giving a **presentation** about climate justice at an Academy. Usually we search for and contact those children that live in the proximity of the Academy venue and who have previously attended a Plant-for-the-Planet Academy and become a Climate Justice Ambassador. It is part of your goal to keep traveling costs and effort to a minimum. A **good knowledge** of the topic and rhetorical skills are also **essential** for the application to become a speaker at an academy.

You want to become a speaker? Contact us:akademie@plant-for-the-planet.org