



Frequently Asked Questions

Why Biggz Kidz?

Biggz Kidz aims to help children connect with nature and to encourage achievements in other important areas of a child's life: education, health, and social responsibility.

Young children are natural learners. By constantly questioning and exploring how and why things work, children often engage in scientific thinking before even beginning school. Environmental education can provide an avenue for hands-on scientific exploration and critical thinking while also encouraging a connection with nature, which has been shown to offer its own benefits to childhood development.

Biggz Kidz focuses on urban forestry—a multifaceted environmental discipline that explores how people interact with nature within their communities. Biggz Kidz fosters an environmental identity in our youth as a means of raising awareness of the social benefits of urban trees and preparing future stewards of the urban forest.

What is Urban Forestry?

From busy streets to parks and backyards, all trees within a town or city are part of the urban forest. Urban forest ecosystems also contain wildlife, waterways, buildings, roads, and, of course, people—including you!

With 44% tree canopy coverage, Baton Rouge has one of the largest urban forests in the country. Urban trees provide numerous economic, environmental, municipal, and social benefits to their cities. However, these trees require careful management and protection in order to grow and thrive in urban environments.

Urban forestry is the management of urban forest ecosystems to protect the environment and enhance the quality of life within cities.

For More Information

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Who can join?

- Ages 4-6
- YMCA membership is not required
- We hope to expand the program to add a new age group each year

How does it work?

Once enrolled in the program, children attend free monthly after-school classes at participating YMCA of the Capital Area locations throughout the year. If a child attends class and participates, they are rewarded at the end of the year!

About Our Partnership

Biggz Tree Care's team has backgrounds in urban forestry, natural resources, sociology, environmental education, and community engagement. We've partnered with the Y because of their experience in youth and community programming that encourages youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.