



TUTC Youth Spotlight

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Jack Churchill
11th Grade | Boston Latin School

Favorite Tree:
Norway Maple



Starting this week, our newsletter will feature a teen bio from our a participant in our **Teen Urban Tree Corps program**. This week Jack Churchill shares what he's learned about trees and what he's looking forward to in the School Year Program.

Jack's favorite tree is the Norway Maple, despite being an invasive species, because he has a massive Norway Maple tree in his backyard that provides him with many benefits like shade, cool air, and saves his family money. His favorite fact about trees is that trees have been proven to make people healthier and reduce childhood asthma along with other diseases. Jack is looking forward to the day in which they are able to put his team's planting plan into action, which continues to grow closer and closer!

Learn more about TUTC

Have space for tree plantings? We want to help!

Have a park by your home that could use some trees? Is your neighborhood in need of more street trees? Is your school or local business looking empty?

We're here to support community projects that will bring trees to you and your neighborhood. Please fill out the brief [tree planting proposal](#) form on our website and we'll be sure to reach out.



Submit your tree planting proposal



Did you know??? Trees Help Homeowners Save on Power Bills

As we find ourselves in the cold winter months, we wanted to take this as an opportunity to think about the energy-saving abilities of trees. According to ISA Certified Arborist Lisa Tadewaldt, trees can serve as barriers for wind and "can reduce heating costs by 10% to 25%." And who said money doesn't grow on trees?

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Calling all 5th graders! Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest

The Department of Conservation and Recreation invites fifth-grade students across Massachusetts to submit an image to its annual Arbor Day Poster Contest. Each year there is a new theme designed to celebrate the important role trees play in their community and in the world around them. This year's theme is "[Be a Cool Community, Plant Trees!](#)" Submissions are due March 15th. Winners are included in DCR's tree calendar.

[Learn more](#)



From our friends at Grassroots Fund: Spring Grow & Young Leaders Grant Opportunities are now open

The Grassroots Fund Grow and Young Leader Grant applications are [officially open for the spring!](#) Community groups and organizations in New England that are working on a range of issues at the intersection of Environmental Justice are encouraged to apply.

[Apply today](#)



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