

Adopting Reusable Bags as a Lifestyle

PPEP **YouthBuild** Initiative
San Luis, Arizona

Leadership Class
Project-Based Experiential Learning



PPEP-YouthBuild Program

YouthBuild is a youth development program that combines education, job training, and community service. Its primary goal is to help students earn their high school equivalency diploma while developing career and leadership skills through hands-on training in areas such as construction, leadership development, and community service.

Through experiential learning projects and community impact initiatives, students strengthen their sense of responsibility, develop leadership skills, and prepare for employment, postsecondary education, apprenticeships, or other career opportunities.



Group #24

Intro



The Adopting Reusable Bags Initiative is a leadership-focused, project-based experiential learning project in which PPEP YouthBuild students and staff developed a community awareness campaign that includes the distribution of reusable bags. This project serves as a friendly invitation to the community to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags whenever possible.

The primary goal of this group and the PPEP YouthBuild staff is to formally present this initiative to the City Council of San Luis, Arizona for consideration through a city proclamation, allowing future PPEP YouthBuild cohorts to continue building on this legacy.



Why Should We Use Reusable Bags?

- ☐ Reduce plastic waste in our community.
- ☐ Encourage sustainable and responsible habits.
- ☐ Protect wildlife and the environment.
- ☐ Save money by reusing the same bags many times.
- ☐ Decrease pollution in landfills and public spaces.
- ☐ Create a healthier environment for future generations.

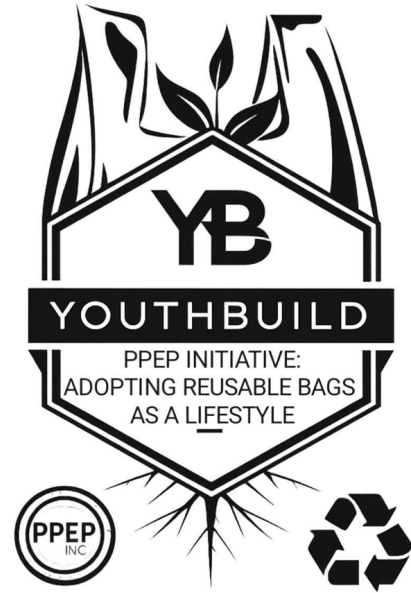
San Luis, Arizona Real Life Scenarios

Scenario 1: Wind-Blown Plastic Bags	Scenario 2: Impact on Desert Wildlife	Scenario 3: Border Community Challenges
Many residents have seen plastic bags caught on fences, trees and vacant lots throughout the community, especially during windy days. These bags can travel long distances and remain in the environment for years before breaking down into smaller plastic particles.	The Arizonan Desert surrounding San Luis is home to birds, reptiles, and other wildlife. Animals can become entangled in plastic waste or mistake plastic for food, which can cause injury or death.	As a busy border community San Luis experiences significant daily traffic and commercial activity. Increased movement of people and goods can also contribute to higher levels of disposable waste, making responsible waste management even more important.
Discussion Point: A single plastic bag used for a few minutes can remain in the community for decades.	Discussion Point: Reducing plastic bags use helps protect local ecosystems and wildlife.	Discussion Point: Small individual actions can have a large collective impact in a growing community.

A Call to Action

PPEP YouthBuild identifies that a simple change could help protect our environment, strengthen our community, and save resources.

Would you be willing to be part of this change?



Thanks!

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