How Do I Apply?

Applicants fill out an application, write an essay, and provide a letter of recommendation. More information and application instructions are available at www.greenleadershipacademy.org. Selected participants attend the residential camp at no cost, and are eligible for a grant to develop a project in their community. Deadline is March 22nd, 2019!

The GLADE program provides:

- Skills to become a respected conservation leader
- Awareness of connectedness with others and the natural world
- Advanced ecological concepts applied to modern conservation practices
- Introduction to potential career choices through exposure to experts in the field
- A sense of empowerment by engaging in habitat restoration that benefits rare and endangered Ozarks species

GLADE is a project of Greater Ozarks Audubon and Missouri State University. Long-term goals are to train and support future conservation leaders, who can make a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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June 16-22 at Bull Shoals Field Station

Announcing the 2019 GLADE Season
A residential camp for youth entering 11th or 12th grade

You’re invited - Apply Now!
Rebekah Jenkins (MS), GLADE Co-Director, has taught biology for 13 years at Ozark High School, including the International Baccalaureate program in Environmental Systems and Societies. She heads the Science Club Stream Team and the Science Olympiad. Rebekah has sponsored GLADE applicants and mentored GLADE grads’ Community projects. Her favorite GLADE activities are team-building challenges and water quality monitoring.

GLADE makes a difference in young people’s lives. Not only that, it inspires those same people to blossom and go home with an immense desire to make their community a better place and improve the lives of others. Perhaps you have even experienced the effect of GLADE in your own community. GLADE comprehensively submerges students into an environment of knowledge and guidance and care for our future. - Jenna Dobyns, GLADE 2016

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Kendell Loyd (MS), GLADE Co-Director, is a biology teacher at Logan-Rogersville High School, conducts ornithological research with Missouri State University and is an avid birder. His favorite part of GLADE is seeing young people explore and develop a deep bond with the natural world based on curiosity and wonder. Then, watching them take new-found respect, to work to make the world a better place.

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More GLADE graduates’ words...

I took away too many things to count! But the best thing was a new sense of self and others.

The moment my shaky fingers encompassed the Indigo Bunting’s delicate body, was the most frightening and exciting moment. For a few seconds I was able to hold something that was almost weightless, yet overflowing with life.

At Glade, you learn how to find your inner leader and gain a newfound respect for nature. You may even discover something about yourself.

It was really cool to be in the absolute middle of nowhere surrounded by good-hearted people that shared the passion for nature as I did. It was one of the best weeks of my life and it taught me what it meant to be a true leader...GLADE is amazing!