

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge School Fundraiser

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Mosquito Buckets Are Popping Up Everywhere!

Each student creates and sells their own bucket.

Build a simple mosquito bucket, reduce mosquitoes naturally, and support your school.

This hands-on activity helps stop mosquitoes at the source—before they become biting adults—without sprays or fogging that harm pollinators and wildlife.

How the Fundraiser Works

- Recruit Students (sign up/volunteer)
- Students can collect commitments in advance to buy their handmade mosquito buckets and/or sell them after making the buckets
- Each student builds one or more buckets
- Buckets are decorated and sold as part of the fundraiser
- Recommended price range: \$20–\$30 per bucket

- Funds go to:
 - 100% to the school, OR
 - Split with Homegrown National Park (HNP)



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Let's bring it to your community next!

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What's Needed for the Event

The school or school organizer should be prepared with:

- A space to build the buckets
- Art materials (paint, markers)
- Organic material for the bucket
 - A bale of hay/straw or
 - Leaves/grass clippings
- HNP Instructional Stickers
- BTI Mosquito Dunks
- Optional safety materials:
 - Wire mesh to cover the tops of the buckets
 - Rescue Sticks

[Students can bring their finished buckets home and just add water!]

What Participants Provide

Students bring 5-gallon food-grade buckets, or;

Buckets can be sourced for free from:

- Local bakeries
- Grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Big box stores with bakeries

Many businesses regularly discard food-grade buckets and will give them away if you ask.

How HNP Supports the Event

If you choose to support HNP by splitting funds:

- **Mosquito dunks (Bti) provided**
- **Instructional Stickers provided**
- Optional support materials

(Bti is a targeted biological control that stops mosquito larvae without harming people, pets, or pollinators.)

Why This Works as a Fundraiser

- Very low cost
- Easy to organize (1-hour event)
- Educational + hands-on
- Community-friendly and environmentally responsible

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What to Bring

Each student should bring:

- **1-2 buckets** (5-gallon or similar)
- Optional: extra buckets if you plan to make more to sell

Tip: Get buckets for free from:

- Local bakeries
- Grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Big box stores with bakeries

Most places will give away used food-grade buckets if you ask.



What the School Provides

- Paint and markers to decorate your bucket
- Organic material (hay, leaves, or grass)
- Mosquito dunks (Bti)
- Instructional sticker

What Happens at the Event

Students will:

- a. Decorate their bucket
- b. Add organic material (hay/leaves)
- c. Add a mosquito dunk (Bti)

Your bucket is now fully assembled—just add water at home.

Final Step at Home

- Fill bucket about **2/3 with water**
- Place in a **shady outdoor area**
- Add a mesh cover or stick to help keep small animals safe

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How It Works

Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water. The mosquito dunk prevents larvae from becoming biting adults—**targeting mosquitoes without harming people, pets, or pollinators.**

Simple Maintenance

- Keep water in the bucket (just add, no need to replace)
- Replace dunk every ~30 days
- Keep in a shaded area

Sell Your Buckets

- Each student can sell their buckets to friends, family, or neighbors
- Recommended price: **\$20–\$30 per bucket**

Learn More: MosquitoBucketChallenge.com

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