

Greening our games - a Twitter chat recap

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Two weeks ago, the Center for Green Schools (@mygreenschools) had the pleasure of virtually sitting down with the Green Sports Alliance (@sportsalliance) and the Seattle Mariners (@Mariners) over Twitter to talk green sports, the Green Apple Day of Service and more. In case you missed it, we've got you covered with a recap of our favorite questions of the day:

Green Sports Alliance (Alliance): Let's get started with a question to Scott Jenkins from the Mariners: How are your team and venue going green?

Seattle Mariners (Mariners): We think green in all our operations at Safeco Field: recycling, conservation and solar. Details are [here](#). We even partner with [BASF](#) on Sustainable Saturdays to involve fans in our efforts through a [trivia game](#).

Alliance: CFGS, can you please tell us a little about the Green Apple Day of Service?

Center for Green Schools (CFGS): There're more than a quarter million green schools advocates volunteering September 28 this year. [Join us!](#)

Alliance: How are sports teams and venues participating in the Green Apple Day of Service?

CFGS: Last year the Mariners, the Seattle Sounders, the Seattle Seahawks and the Seattle Storm united to augment a [garden at Denny Middle School](#). From Kansas City to Philly, teams are making partnerships and using [our toolkit](#) to plan their 2013 projects.

Alliance: Mariners, tell us about your experience last year with the Green Apple Day of Service.

Mariners: It was a great event with [Washington Green Schools and McKinstry](#). We also had Carter Capps at Sand Point Elementary for a garden project a few weeks ago. Seattle Sounders' Taylor Graham was there, too.

Alliance: How can fans get involved in Green Apple Day of Service?

CFGS: Fans can partner with a local school and register a project (big or small!) through [mygreenapple.org](#).

Alliance: What questions do you have for our followers about how they are influenced by green sports?

Mariners: Are fans recycling habits at home same as at the ballpark? How can we help fans be greener at games?

Twitter follower response: The more options we have to recycle, compost, etc., the more people use them. Keep putting those options in!

Mariners: We are aiming for over 90 percent recycle rate at Safeco Field. We are close and fans can help us get there. That would be amazing.

Alliance: Rachel, how are you engaging teams around the Green Apple initiative?

Rachel Gutter (RG): It was my pleasure to speak at the '12 GSA summit. I can't wait to see everyone again [this year!](#)

Green Sports Alliance then opened the floor up for our followers to ask us questions:

Q: Mariners, what do you find most rewarding from your impressive work?

Mariners: The growth of the movement through the industry. We now have 179 teams and venues as members of the Alliance!

Q: Mariners, do you think we'll see venues use rainwater harvesting for use in bathrooms, to offset water use?

A: Yes. Makes great sense for new construction. Waterless or low-flow fixtures for retrofits.

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RG: Athletes carry a lot of weight with today's kids- they should serve as role models in sustainability every day by demonstrating green behavior. [Our toolkit](#) is a great way to get started.

Q: What about schools using rainwater harvesting for use in bathrooms, to offset water use?

A CFGS: Schools are already doing it! Check out Bertschi's [rainwater collection system](#)!

Q: For the Mariners- Scott, what did you accomplish from your week of hauling your own waste? That was crazy!

1.1 pounds for the week from SEA to NY to Bellingham. [Join us next year.](#)

As always, it was a pleasure to work with Green Sports Alliance and the Seattle Mariners to spread the word about the important partnership of sports + sustainability. We look forward to seeing all of the great projects at this year's Green Apple Day of Service. Remember- you can [find a project](#) that is already happening in your community and join in (perhaps even with a sports team!) or [start your own project](#). Go #GreenSports!

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