

HMS SeaBots: Megalodons (MS-133)

Describe how your team is giving back to the community and why do you think it is important?

Environmentalist Robert Swan once said, “The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it”. This is a fundamental truth. In this day and age, more and more people have become way too careless about our planet. Neglectful actions, such as littering, are harming our environment.

This is one of the reasons why we wanted to bring more awareness to this issue. It is estimated that 75% of all the waste on our planet can be recycled or reused. Whether it's plastic or paper, the items we use can be of some value after we have finished with them. So why aren't more people recycling?

Littering is a major problem. Sometimes people just don't feel like walking a few steps to the nearest trash can or recycle bin. That one single decision can affect the future of our planet. This signifies the importance of our community service project. We want to help people understand how they can contribute to saving our planet.

Littering is also visually unappealing. Say you're going out for a run on a Saturday morning in a nearby park and all you see are broken soda bottles, cigarette packages, and plastic bottles. This can dampen your mood and cast a shadow on an otherwise beautiful landscape. Littering and garbage are just generally bad for our environment. Luckily, we found a fun and creative way to spread awareness!

On Saturday, May 1st, we went to Laurel Acres Park to do our SeaPerch Community & Outreach project. We painted messages on rocks to encourage people to recycle and keep places free from litter. We chose this activity because more and more people are being careless with their trash. Leaving eco-friendly messages around the park is a great way to inspire change. We hope the painted rocks will lighten the mood of the community and make people aware of their actions. Some of our rock messages include, “Go green to keep it clean”, “Water is life, take care of it.”, and “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”. Messages like these may encourage people to make better choices for the environment.

After painting our rock messages and placing them around the park, we picked up trash as well. We wanted to make our own impact on the environment! Since we're spreading a message of environmental stewardship, it's only natural that we help the environment ourselves!

