

Boys & Girls Learn Importance of Trees

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The South Carolina Territory Boys and Girls Group joined with friends and local environmental groups at the Harbison State Forest today to participate in a tree-planting project called "Trees for Marine Life."

The project originated from first Soka Gakkai President Tsunesaburo Makiguchi's book *The Geography of Human Life*, because the book explains the indivisibility between human beings and the Earth they inhabit.

It also explains the interrelationship between the forest and the sea, noting how the coastal forest provides insects as fish food, shade for shelter and controls erosion and water runoff.

The purpose of the project was to teach children the importance of trees in environmental conservation. The South Carolina Forest Commitment generously provided the seedlings and the site at the state forest.

Ten trees were planted, one of which — a green oak — honored Mr. Makiguchi's quest for human happiness and marked the 125th anniversary of his birth. A plaque commemorates the site.

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