

Young Environmental Scientist (YES) Program Naturalist Trainers Camp Catalog 2025

Empowering Educators | Inspiring Youth | Greening the Future



Dates: August 4 – 9, 2025

Location: Mkange Village, near Saadani National Park, Tanzania

Participation Fee: \$500 per teacher/club coordinator

Donation Package: 200 Trees Planted per Attendee + Public School Sponsorship Support
Organized by Mikoko Development Foundation (MDF)

INTRODUCTION

The Naturalist Trainers Camp is a flagship capacity – building program under the Young Environmental Scientists initiative, designed to equip teachers, school club coordinators, and youth leaders with practical outdoor education skills aligned with competence – based learning. Through this immersive experience, educators become catalysts for school – based environmental action and child – led innovation.

WHY JOIN?

- Align with global education for sustainable development goals
- Reduce school costs for outdoor field trips through internal capacity
- Gain certification as a Basic Assistant Naturalist Trainer (BANT)
- Network with like-minded educators and conservation leaders
- Access digital resources for ongoing student engagement

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Primary and secondary school teachers
- School club coordinators
- Youth mentors & life skills facilitators
- Environmental education officers

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen participants' practical environmental teaching skills
- Foster leadership and innovation in nature-based education
- Equip educators with tools for climate action and school greening
- Promote student-centered, outdoor, and STREAMS learning methodologies

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 – Welcome & Orientation

- Arrival, registration & camp briefing
- Ice-breakers & campfire networking
- Introduction to YES & Mikoko Youth Programs

Day 2 – Naturalist Foundation

- Environmental ethics & observation skills
- Biodiversity mapping & scientific journaling
- Guided Forest and mangrove ecosystem exploration

Day 3 – Outdoor Safety & Technical Skills

- Outdoor Safety Policy & Procedures (MDF)
- First aid in the field & risk assessment
- Leadership, team building & survival basics

Day 4 – Climate & Sustainability Focus

- Climate change & child-friendly actions
- Permaculture & waste-to-resource demo
- Green jobs and sustainable economies workshop

Day 5 – Project Planning & Evaluation

- Student club development & project design
- Budgeting, digital management & reporting
- Group presentations & peer review

Day 6 – Assessment & Certification

- Students training, engagement & Awarding System
- Technical Assessment & Progressive System
- Graduation ceremony & reflection

AWARDS & CERTIFICATION

Each participant will receive:

- Certificate of Participation
- Basic Assistant Naturalist Trainer (BANT) Award (upon successful evaluation)
- Digital Badge for online profiles and resumes
- Post-camp mentoring and access to YES platform

IMPACT BEYOND THE CAMP

Your participation supports:

- 200 native trees planted in your school's name
- Sponsorship for public school teachers from underprivileged regions
- Community environmental projects coordinated by trained alumni

ADDITIONAL PERKS

- All meals, Mikoko and camping gears & transport from and to your school included
- Facilitated by certified naturalists, educators & youth mentors
- Safe, inclusive & guided outdoor experience

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

Visit <https://yes.mikoko.or.tz> for registration and FAQs.

For group applications or school sponsorship inquiries:

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Empower Your Teachers – Inspire Your Students.***