

WEST NILE VIRUS

Suggested Community Activities

School, scouting and community groups can become involved in preventing West Nile virus in their community and neighborhood. Here are some suggested activities to help take action to Fight the Bite:

- Provide local newspapers with information about outreach activities pertaining to West Nile virus and/or mosquito-reduction that are being conducted by your agency or community.
- Invite a community leader or local health department official to speak with your group about West Nile virus and mosquito reduction efforts taking place in your area.
- Contact “Community Calendar” newspaper editors and radio producers, and ask them to mention activities your agency/neighborhood group is sponsoring regarding mosquito reduction efforts in your area.
- Partner with local service organizations to clean up public areas and to dispose of used tires. Work with your local municipality to identify the tire disposal options in your area.
- Work with your local health department and local organizations to schedule a special day and/or time for addressing West Nile virus and the importance of eliminating and reducing mosquito breeding areas in residents’ yards, as well as public parks and other community areas. Help promote the event in the media.
- Partner with senior citizens centers to help older adults understand the importance of implementing precautions that can reduce their risk of mosquito bites during the summer months.

