



Community Barrel Painting Event

What is an Adopt-A-Block Community Barrel Painting Event?

This is an event where your group (class, club, team...) participates in painting a large metal garbage barrel, which will then go to replace an old barrel in Mission. Your group can develop one general theme to paint on the barrel or each participant can add their own original design. The only requirement is that your group must design/paint an **environmentally positive** message – the general theme that unites all the painted barrels in Mission. Adopt-A-Block strongly suggests that this activity only be done by the older elementary grades and encourages teachers and students to take time to prepare a design and perhaps, stencil(s) for what is to be painted on the barrel.

On or near the date of your event, Adopt-A-Block will bring you the barrel (primed white) and will supply (if needed) the paints & brushes and other items need to create your masterpiece. If your group requires the use Adopt-A-Block's paint supplies, you must inform us when you apply for your barrel as supplies are limited and this may extend your wait to receive your barrel if the supplies are already in use at other barrel events.

If you wish to provide your own supplies please remember that all paints used on the barrels **MUST BE ACRYLIC** paints or they will wash off or fade. (*You can find cheap acrylic paints at any dollar store*). When your group is finished painting the barrel – the Adopt-A-Block Coordinator will apply a protective weatherproof layer of varnish – before the barrel is sent out to the community. Please contact the coordinator once the barrel is finished and dry to arrange for pickup.

Designing your Community Barrel...

Your group can develop one general theme to paint on the barrel or each participant can add their own original design. The only requirement is that your group must design/paint **an environmentally positive message** as this is the general theme that unites all the painted barrels in Mission

Before starting your event, your group may want to come up with your general design for the barrel. If you are planning your design prior to the event- it may help you to know that the barrel is 31 inches high and 71.5 inches in circumference. Another way in which your group can develop a barrel design is to divide the barrel into sections (vertically) and arrange your large group into smaller units to manage each section.

And finally, another option is for each member of your group to develop and paint his/her own environmental message on the barrel. Remember only 4/5 individuals can gather around to paint the barrel at one time, and therefore, planning other fun activities during a barrel painting event would be complimentary.

VERY Important Designing TIPS:

- You may include the name of your group/school or team on the can, but do not sign each individuals name to the can as this can take up a lot of space.
- When you receive your barrel spend some time first tracing your designs onto the barrel. This allows you the option to make changes if you want to BEFORE the paint is applied.
- Keep in mind when designing that any images leading into top 4inches of space on the barrel will not be seen as the garbage bags used in the barrels will cover this area.
- Only use ACRYLIC paints and try to prevent paint running and drips by always properly cleaning

your brushes between colors.

- When designing your barrels remember paint is thicker than markers; so including little details when painting – will not work.
- Do not apply any other items to the barrel (stickers, patches etc) as these will not hold up in the weather overtime.

Checklist and Other Helpful Information for Teachers/Group Leaders

- Book barrel event well in advance to guarantee date/time preference and to allow enough time for barrel drop-off.
- Have your students come up with a general theme for the barrel(s) and/or make individual sketches they would like to paint on the barrel. Remember paint is thicker than markers; so including little details when painting – will not work.
- Advise students to wear appropriate clothing on the day of the event (clothes that can get paint on them, if this happens).
- If the barrel(s) has arrived well in advance – it may need a wipe down before painting.
- If you have more than one barrel for your event, you will need newspaper and/or a drop sheet for the extra barrels – to protect the flooring from the paint. (Yes, the paint is washable if it does get on the floor.)
- Please allow time for the barrel to dry after painted (when scheduling your event) as it will need a coat of varnish. The AAB coordinator will apply this.
- Only 5 students can fit around the barrel at one time to paint– so having a ‘shift schedule’ for the students to come and paint is a great idea.

Instruction Given to Students/Participants:

- Brushes must be dry before dipping into the paint – otherwise your painting will drip.
- Brushes should be cleaned after using one color and using the next – use the water provided to clean your brush before dipping the brush into another color. (Make sure to dry the brush after cleaning!)
- Watch that you don't get paint on yourself, the floor or on someone else.
- Put your brush back in the water jar when you are finished.
- Paint only your sketch and be considerate of the space you use on the barrel so that others will have free space to paint on the barrel when you are finished.
- Please DO NOT sign your name under your picture, we do not want 30 names on the barrel, only pictures – your school and class name can be identified on the barrel.
- Environmental friendly images and/or slogans are appropriate to paint.
- Have fun!

Scheduling Your Event!

Please book at least two weeks ahead to make sure the AAB Coordinator is available and has the supplies needed for your event and so that arrangements can be made with the District of Mission for the drop-off of barrels (and pick-up) at your school. For more information contact (604) 826-9423 or email missionadoptablock@gmail.com

Note: The booking of a barrel painting event depends on the availability of barrels.