



TREE PLANTING PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Growing Hope. Caring for Creation. Preparing for WYD Seoul 2027

What Is This Guide?

As part of the preparations for **World Youth Day Seoul 2027 (WYD Seoul 2027)**, the WYD Seoul 2027 Local Organizing Committee, in partnership with the **Laudato Si' Movement**, is launching a **Global Tree Planting Campaign**.

This worldwide initiative invites young people, dioceses, parishes, schools, organizations, and local communities to become active stewards of creation by planting trees in their own areas.

Through the campaign, participants are invited to put the vision of *Laudato Si'* into concrete action: caring for our common home while contributing to efforts to offset the carbon emissions associated with the preparation and celebration of WYD Seoul 2027.

This guide introduces the purpose of the campaign, explains who may participate, and provides a complete overview of how to take part.

Why Do We Plant Trees?

Planting a tree is far more than an environmental action. It is a tangible expression of faith and hope—and of our shared responsibility to care for God's creation.

- **Carbon Offset**

Tree planting contributes to efforts to offset the carbon emissions associated with the preparation and celebration of WYD Seoul 2027.

- **Pilgrimage**

Each act of planting becomes a small pilgrimage of faith—a concrete step toward God expressed through care for creation.

- **Hope**

Each tree planted today becomes an enduring sign of hope for future generations and of our commitment to building a more sustainable world.

- **Care for Creation**

Guided by the message of *Laudato Si'*, we are called to protect our common home and to embrace our shared responsibility as stewards of creation.

Who can Participate?

Everyone preparing for or taking part in WYD Seoul 2027 is warmly invited to join the campaign, regardless of nationality or organizational affiliation.

Participants may include:

- Individual young people
- Parishes and dioceses
- Catholic schools and universities
- Youth organizations
- Pilgrimage groups
- Religious communities
- Civic organizations
- Families and local communities

Campaign Period

August 3, 2026 – August 2, 2027

Tree planting activities may take place at any time during the official campaign period.

How to Participate

Step 1. Plan Your Tree-Planting Activity

Organize a tree-planting activity on your own or together with your parish, diocese, school, organization, or local community.

Step 2. Plant a Tree

Plant one or more trees in your local area, in accordance with applicable environmental regulations and sound planting practices.

Step 3. Share Your Participation

After planting, upload photographs and a brief message to the official campaign board on Padlet.

Step 4. Join the Global Tree Planting Map

Once your submission has been uploaded, your contribution will appear on the Official Global Tree Planting Map, enabling people around the world to witness our shared commitment to caring for creation.

Together, our contributions will form a visible global movement of hope on the journey toward WYD Seoul 2027.

Before You Upload

Please consult the **Tree Planting Upload Guide** for detailed instructions on submitting your photographs and information through the official Padlet platform.



TREE PLANTING UPLOAD GUIDE

Simple, Step-by-Step Instructions for Submitting Your Entry through Padlet

Before You Begin

After planting your tree, please upload photographs and a brief reflection to the official campaign board on Padlet by following the steps below.

☒ **No registration or login is required — you can participate immediately.**

Submitting from a Mobile Device

Follow the instructions below to submit a record of your tree-planting activity using a mobile device.

Step 1. Open the campaign Board

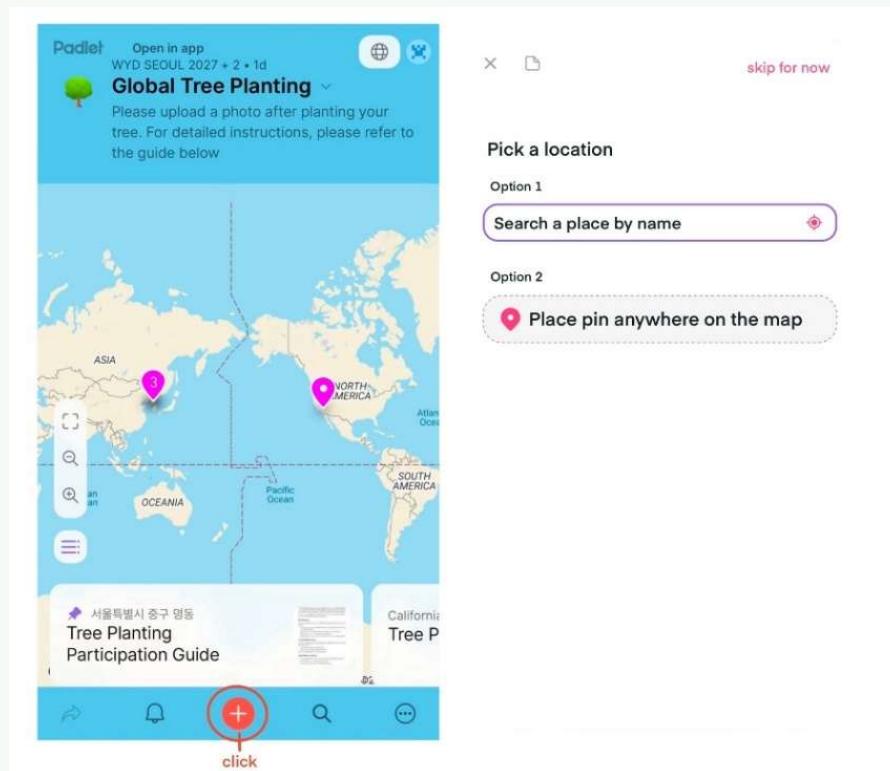
Use your smartphone camera to scan the provided QR code, or tap the shared link to open the Official Global Tree Planting Map on Padlet

Tip: If the QR code does not open automatically, use your device's camera app or a QR code-scanning application to access the campaign board.

Step 2. Select the Planting Location

Tap the "+" (Add) button at the bottom center of the screen. Search for the location where you planted your tree by entering its name, or drag the map pin to the correct position.

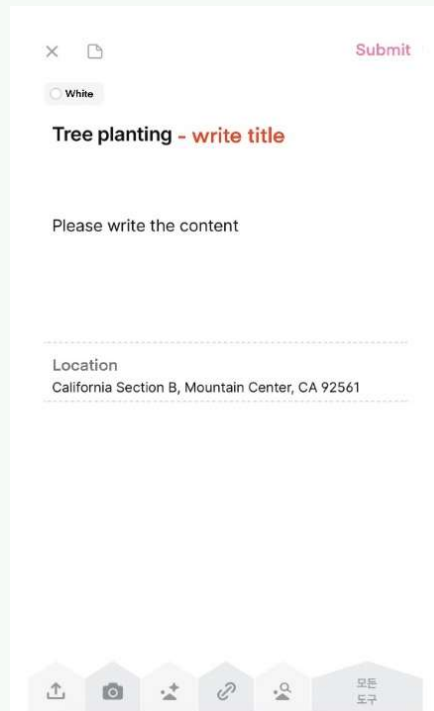
Tip: Position the pin as accurately as possible to help us create a reliable Official Global Tree Planting Map.



Step 3. Open the Submission Form

Once you have selected the planting location, the submission form will open automatically.

Tip: Confirm that the selected location is correct before completing the form.

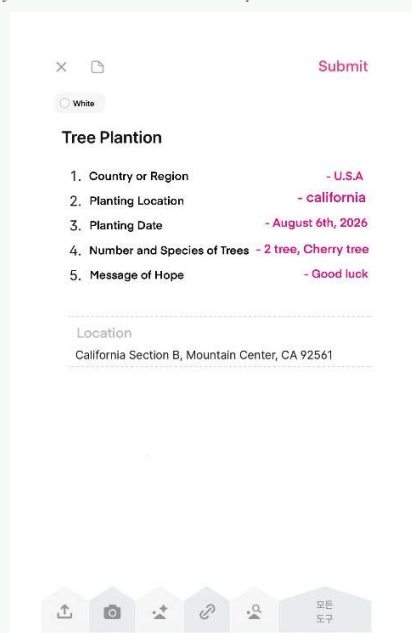


The screenshot shows a submission form with a white background and a light gray border. At the top right is a pink 'Submit' button. Below it is a 'White' color selection button. The main heading is 'Tree planting - write title' in bold black text. Below this is a large text area with the prompt 'Please write the content'. Further down, there is a dashed line, followed by the label 'Location' and the text 'California Section B, Mountain Center, CA 92561'. At the bottom, there is a row of icons: a share icon, a camera icon, a plus icon, a link icon, a person icon, and a '모든 도구' (All Tools) button.

Step 4. Provide the Required Information

Consult the **Required Information** table below. Enter a title for your post, and then Provide all required details in the message field.

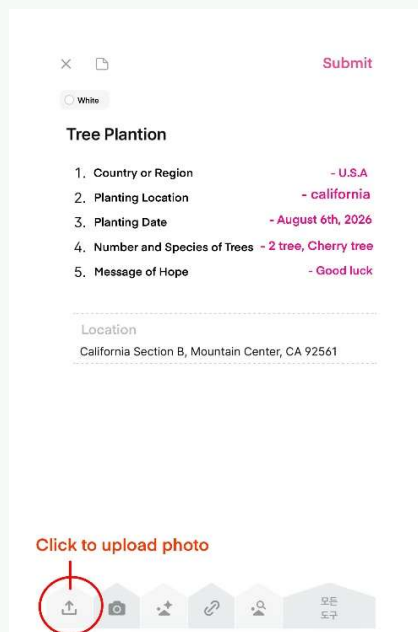
Tip: Review the information carefully to ensure that it is complete and accurate before submitting your entry.



The screenshot shows the same submission form as in Step 3, but with the required information filled in. The title is 'Tree Plantion'. Below the title, there is a list of five items, each with a number and a description, followed by a pink checkmark and a pink label: 1. Country or Region - U.S.A, 2. Planting Location - california, 3. Planting Date - August 6th, 2026, 4. Number and Species of Trees - 2 tree, Cherry tree, 5. Message of Hope - Good luck. Below this list, there is a dashed line, followed by the label 'Location' and the text 'California Section B, Mountain Center, CA 92561'. At the bottom, there is a row of icons: a share icon, a camera icon, a plus icon, a link icon, a person icon, and a '모든 도구' (All Tools) button.

Step 5. Upload Your Photos

Tap the **Photo** icon to upload photographs of your tree-planting activity. Please review the file-size guidelines and other upload requirements provided below.

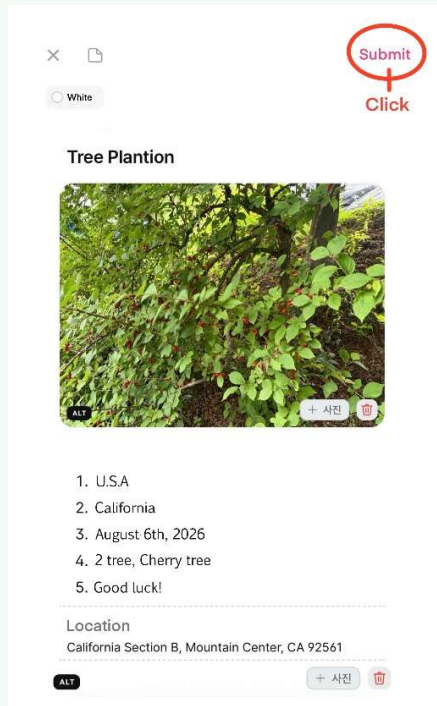


The screenshot shows a form titled "Tree Plantion" with a "Submit" button in the top right corner. Below the title, there are five numbered fields: 1. Country or Region (- U.S.A), 2. Planting Location (- california), 3. Planting Date (- August 6th, 2026), 4. Number and Species of Trees - 2 tree, Cherry tree, and 5. Message of Hope - Good luck. Below these fields is a "Location" section with the text "California Section B, Mountain Center, CA 92561". At the bottom of the form, there is a red text label "Click to upload photo" with a red arrow pointing to a red circle containing a white upload icon. To the right of this icon are several other icons: a camera, a plus sign, a link, a person, and a folder labeled "모든 도구".

Step 6. Submit Your Entry

Review all the information you have entered, and then tap the **Submit** button to complete your submission.

Once your entry has been successfully submitted, it will appear on the Official Global Tree Planting Map, where participants from around the world can view and celebrate your contribution.



The screenshot shows the same "Tree Plantion" form as in Step 5, but now with a photo of a cherry tree uploaded to the field. The "Submit" button in the top right corner is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it and the word "Click" below it. The photo field has a small "ALT" label and a "+ 사진" button. Below the photo, the five numbered fields are: 1. U.S.A, 2. California, 3. August 6th, 2026, 4. 2 tree, Cherry tree, and 5. Good luck!. The "Location" section still shows "California Section B, Mountain Center, CA 92561". At the bottom of the form, there is a red text label "Click to upload photo" with a red arrow pointing to a red circle containing a white upload icon. To the right of this icon are several other icons: a camera, a plus sign, a link, a person, and a folder labeled "모든 도구".

Required Information : Five Items

Please ensure that your submission includes all five required items listed below.

Required Item	Description
1. Country or Region	The country or region in which the tree was planted
2. Planting Location	The city, parish, school, or specific site where the tree was planted
3. Planting Date	The date on which the tree was planted
4. Number and Species of Trees	The number of trees planted and, where known, their species
5. Message of Hope	A brief reflection or message about your tree-planting activity

Photo and Video Upload Guidelines

Please observe the following file-size guidelines when uploading photographs or videos:

- The maximum file size for each uploaded file is **500 MB**.
- Most photos taken with a smartphone are well below this limit, so no additional action is usually required.
- Before uploading a video – particularly a longer one – please confirm that its file size does not exceed 500 MB.

Tip: For the best viewing experience, we recommend uploading clear, high-quality photographs of your tree-planting activity.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. I selected the wrong location. What should I do?

A. If you are still creating your post, close the submission form, return to the map, select the correct location, and begin again.

Q. Can I edit my submission?

A. Yes. Open the post you created and select the **Edit** option to update the information.

Q. I submitted my post, but it does not appear on the map. What should I do?

A. Posts are published immediately and appear on the Official Global Tree Planting Map without undergoing an approval process. If your post does not appear right away. Refresh the page and check again.

Q. Can I upload more than one photo?

A. Yes. You may upload multiple photos in a single post.

Q. I planted a tree in my home garden or in a planter. Does it still count?

A. Yes. absolutely. Trees planted in a home garden or a suitable planter are also welcome.

Need Assistance?

For questions regarding the WYD Seoul 2027 Global Tree Planting Campaign or assistance with your submission, please contact the WYD Seoul 2027 Local Organizing Committee :

Email : treeplanting@wydseoul.org.