

## UPF Russia: Eco-Picnic Spurs Action for a Cleaner and Greener Voronezh

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**Voronezh, Russia** – Games and an “eco-picnic” attracted around 60 participants at the City Botanical Garden in Voronezh on October 11, 2025. The activities were organized by **Ms. Elena Knyazeva**, coordinator of environmental programs of UPF-Russia, in cooperation with **Mr. Mikhail Glushchenko**, a well-known traveler and environmental activist from Voronezh.

The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and civic responsibility through practical action. Participants joined together to clean and beautify the garden area, collecting 20 bags of litter and helping to restore the natural harmony of this unique urban green space.



Beyond the cleanup, the program offered participants a chance to connect with nature and each other. Families with children took part in an eco-game session designed to teach sustainable habits in a fun way, while a guided tour introduced everyone to the rare plants and ecological treasures of the Botanical Garden.

The participants included local residents, students, and families, all united by a common goal: to make their city cleaner and more beautiful. The warm atmosphere of cooperation and shared purpose turned this day into a vivid example of how collective small actions can create a meaningful impact.

This project once again demonstrated that environmental initiatives not only improve local ecosystems but also strengthen community bonds and inspire a sense of shared responsibility for our planet’s future.