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HELLO JERSEY JUNIORS!!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!!

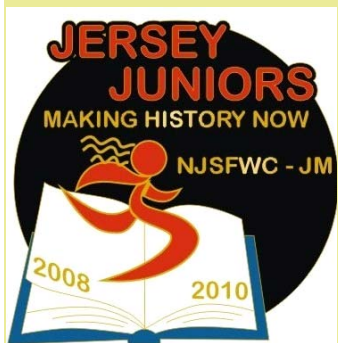
As the new life of Spring begins to bloom, so should some of our Junior Projects. Hopefully you will find some ideas and helpful information in this newsletter, please send your ideas to me & I can share with the rest of the Clubs too!! Email me any time Conservation@JerseyJuniors.com.

In Junior Spirit, Tammy

WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB DO?

- > LADYBUG RELEASE
- > BUTTERFLY RELEASE
- > REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE
- > TREE PLANTINGS
- > TRIPS TO THE ZOO
- > NATURE WALKS
- > FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Share your projects here...other Clubs can recycle your ideas in another part of the State !! So share & let Clubs learn from your successes!



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What are you doing to celebrate Arbor & Earth Day???

Visit these websites for some fun Conservation ideas for events:
www.state.nj.us/dep/seeds/earthday/eday.htm and/or www.arborday.org.
Some information from the sites:

- Become better informed and active. Find sources of sound environmental and natural resource information and access them regularly. Become active in your community.
- Participate in a local environmental education or Earth Day experience. Or PLAN one!! Visit a new or nearby nature center, science center, park, museum or conservation district office. Ask questions.
- Get your hands dirty! Participate in a river cleanup, pick up litter or plant a flower garden.
- Enjoy nature! Sit and rest in the woods or along a stream. Take a hike, go biking, try camping, have a picnic, go fishing, look for birds, look for fossils, fly a kite, take photographs, paint some scenery - enjoy the outdoors!
- Protect water quality! Clean up after pets. Don't dump used oil, paint, coolants or other chemicals into the ground, storm drains or garage drains.
- Use products that produce less waste and pollution. Substitute water-based products whenever possible when buying paints and household cleaners. Or, switch from chemical-type cleaners to natural products like soap and water. Read and follow instructions and precautions for all such products and dispose of them properly (and not into storm drains or the ground). Buy products in bulk or with minimal packaging materials.
- Recycle! Purchase products that contain recycled-content materials as often as possible.
- Save energy! Turn off unneeded lights and appliances. Replace standard light bulbs with energy efficient fluorescents to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Buy energy efficient household appliances and yard tools.
- Conserve water! Do not let the water run wastefully when washing anything. Water the lawn in the early morning or late afternoon. Run washing machines and dish washers only when full. Don't let the water run while you brush your teeth!
- Plan your garden plantings...it's almost time to start planting flowers outside!

LADYBUG RELEASE

It's easy to plan a Ladybug or Butterfly Release.

If you have never done one before, start off simple. Do with just the Children in your Club. Simply pick a date, order some ladybugs. Read some stories, do a little craft, & release the bugs.

Personally, I have used www.ladybuglady.com for our bugs. The first time, we ordered the Educational Classroom Kit. You can use this as a basis for your activities, etc.

If you are a little more adventurous, add a conservation booth to all your events to help educate attendees about other initiatives that are conservation friendly. Request for donations of the reusable bags—use as a goody bag for families in attendance.

Have you ever heard of www.terracycle.org ??

Some great easy ideas and SO MANY opportunities for you to recycle & get PAID for it too!!!!



State-wide Recycling Fundraiser *(benefits FAFS)*

Recycling :

- Unused Cell Phones
- Empty Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
- Other Electronics (Laptop Computers, Apple iPods, Digital Cameras, Digital Video Cameras)

Hold a collection in your Club & Community. Simply collect these items & give to your District Advisor. We will send them in together on the State Level. Include your Club info on the bag or box & a contact Name & email address in case we have questions.

Are you supporting your Local County Zoos?

North: Bergen County Zoo

Central: Turtleback Zoo

South: Cape May County Zoo

- Did you know you can join as a member or sponsor an Animal?
- Plan a day trip today...enjoy a nice walk at the Zoo!

Thanks to PJWC Member Jacqui Riordan for sharing the Blog she designed. Check it out...some GREAT info:
www.gogreenlight.com.

FROM RUTHERFORD JUNIORS:

Cartridge Worlds all over have some GREAT recycling programs! You can receive 50 cents—\$1 per cartridge turned in. While you are there, you can purchase a remanufactured cartridge. Visit their website for more information !!

www.cartridgeworldusa.com

? Question

Where do all those plastic baggies, plastic water bottles, juice boxes, milk cartons, paper napkins, aluminum foil and food wrappers go?

! Answer

IN THE TRASH. The average child generates 67 pounds of lunchtime trash per year.

IN LANDFILLS. 38 billion plastic water bottles end up in landfills each year-taking 700 years before they start to decompose.

IN OUR OCEANS. Trash is often mistaken for food and eaten by sea life.

Still looking for some new ideas??

Survey your community to determine its needs with regard to litter prevention.

Plan an Earth or Arbor Day Celebration in Town or simply organize a town clean up and litter prevention project in your town. Contact your County offices—there may be Grant Money available. (Beautification)

Adopt a Park or Street & clean it quarterly!!

*Assess your Town & School Recycling Programs in the buildings & grounds!
Sporting events potentially generate recycling from sports drinks—are you recycling???*