



CONSERVATION BULLETIN

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HELLO JERSEY JUNIORS!!

Great to see you Groovy Chicks on the Loose!!!

As we enjoy the Junior Spirit & excitement of Convention—let's share some new ideas & Take Care of Business! I enjoyed reading all of your reports! A few new ideas are included in this issue...plus the old tried & true.

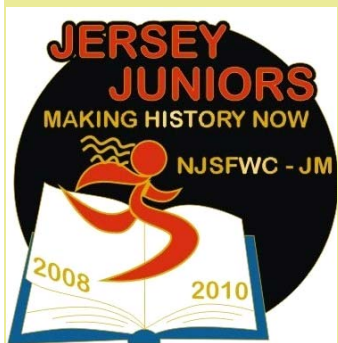
Remember to email me what you are doing & I'll add it to share with other Clubs. In Junior Spirit,

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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Want to join Jersey Juniors in a new project???

Thanks to Rutherford JWC for sharing the new program detailed below! Sign up today!!

Bottle Cap Recycling Now Possible! This is very exciting-another giant step in recycling. I personally learned about this 'issue' in Disney last Fall. They have signs in the rooms to take the tops off water bottles before recycling. And now, thanks to Rutherford, have found this additional information to share.

You can NOW RECYCLE Bottle Caps, tops, etc....

Did you know? The majority of plastic bottle caps do not get recycled. Often, these plastic caps end up as litter in landfill and on streets and beaches, migrating into waterways. Birds and marine life mistake them for food with tragic results. The magnitude of this pollution problem is devastating.

Bottles we currently recycle become trash anyhow if they still have a cap.

During recycling, caps are sorted from the bottles and discarded as garbage. If a cap does not come off a bottle during compression, the bottle is discarded.

What can we do? Collect caps from water bottles, shampoo containers, detergent, etc. Aveda will recycle them into new caps for their products.

This is the first company, we have learned, that is taking this active step to recycle plastic caps.

You can collect them through your town, school, church, garden club, library or business. Talk to your municipal recycling coordinator and get a collection barrel at your recycling center.

Visit <http://www.ecosceneinc.com/blog/index.cfm/2008/10/13/Introducing-Ecoscene-TV> to see how you can recycle those bottle caps. Very informative and/or you can call Aveda for more info: 1-877-AVEDA-09

Though a cap is small, your collection can make a huge difference.

WORKING TOGETHER, imagine what the Jersey Juniors will do!

It's a GREAT time to Raise & 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. Butterfly Garden Kits are now on sale! Check out www.educationalwarehouse.com or www.insectlore.com You can do that on your own or ask the Library to host a storytime for you & keep them on display so the town children can visit. For a Ladybug Release, simply pick a date, order some ladybugs, plan the event: read some stories, do a little craft, & release the bugs.

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!!!!
Some unique gifts/bags are made with the recycled materials...check it out today!



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.

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

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!

? 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??

NJ Clean Communities has tools for you to plan a successful town clean up & you could receive mini grants to help offset expenses you may incur or raise funds to increase Green initiatives in the town you live in! Litter prevention is ongoing—not just one day a year! Contact your County offices today to find out about your Clean Communities Programs—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!

Add Bottle Cap collections Town wide!