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HELLO JERSEY JUNIORS!!

It was so great seeing many of you at Convention this year—Taking Care of Business!! Thank you for visiting with me & sharing some of your ideas & projects as well as brainstorming with me & other members around the Department Displays. I sincerely hope you walked away with some new information. I hope many of you were able to meet my Counterpart, Elaine Hossfield, who spoke to several of you & generously brought some Kind News information for you all to take samples of.

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

Tammy

It's Back to School time and here is the information you need for Kind News. Sponsor a classroom today. For just \$30 you can adopt 1 classroom. If you can't decide which school to do, they can find one for you! Call 860-434-8666 for more information or email: youth@humanesociety.org. You can sign up at any time during the year. (There is a deadline of the 1st of each month—to begin subscriptions 2 months later.)

(A very special thank you to my counterpart— NJSFWC Conservation Chairwoman Elaine Hossfield for sharing this information with me! I will have samples at Fall Conference)

This is a great opportunity for you to 'assess' how green your schools are...are they recycling? Would they be willing to? Start now!!!

Halloween is around the corner...how about a school Costume Swap. Speak to your school teachers & PTO/PTA representatives to get something going. You can announce at Back to School nights!!

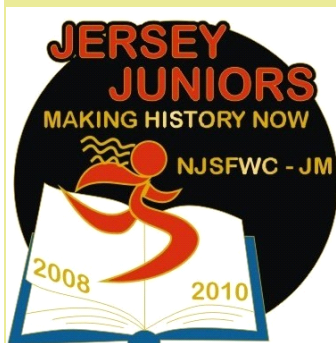
The sky is the limit...just think outside of the Box!!



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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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. Just visit a local Aveda Salon in your area for drop off. Please let me know how many you recycle....we'll get a contest going from Fall Conference to Spring Conference!

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!

From the HealthBarn USA: Practicing the 3 R's!

Kids have taken Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to a whole new level by making super cool outfits from recyclable materials for the HealthBarn USA Trash 'n Show. Everyone learned a lot about the 3 R's, including our parents. It's important to share this information so we can all make the planet a healthier and happier place.

- **Create Less Garbage:** Ask the question, "do I really need this game, outfit, or other stuff?" before making a purchase. We got a refresher course on *wanting* and *needing* and now we share games with our friends, instead of getting new ones.
- **Hand Me Downs Are Cool.** Have each family member go through their closet to create a pile of "stuff" that they are willing to trade. Make it a fun event with a moderator and invite friends to participate, too -- it's better than eBay!
- **Establish A Recycling Center.** This is a fun family activity that gets everyone involved. Visit your local recycling center to find out how the recyclable stuff needs to be sorted! Get everyone involved in setting up different stations in the kitchen, garage and/or backyard and assign each family member a trash duty to protect the planet!
- **Take Back the Tap.** Water and other beverage bottles are big problems for landfills! Buy a Brita water filter for your home water supply and drink up.

Create Black Gold! Composting is a hot trend among HealthBarn USA families! By eating less of the packaged stuff, there is an abundance of fruit and vegetable scraps perfect for a compost pile. Most towns are offering bins at a reduced cost or start a pile in your own backyard for next year's garden.

Have you taken advantage & shopped your local farms & Farmers' Markets?? Now's the time... Visit them today before the weather gets cooler and they close and pack up for the Winter!!!!

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.

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??

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!