



Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc.

## DAISY GIRL SCOUT GREEN PETAL USE RESOURCES WISELY

### Activity #1 – Water Conservation

Because we need water to live, it is important to conserve as much water as we can.

You can help by:

- keep drinking water clean!
- Keep rivers, lakes and streams free of trash!
- Never allow oil or gasoline to be poured on the ground!



Make a list and draw pictures of other things you can do to help.

### Activity #2 – Sing A Song

Lead girls in a round of "Down by the Bay". Raffi performs this song on *Singable Songs for the Very Young*

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever see a fly  
Wearing a tie?"  
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever see a bear  
Combing his hair?"  
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever see a moose  
Kissing a goose?"  
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever see a whale  
With a polka dot tail?"  
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever see some llamas  
Eating pajamas?"  
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever have a time  
When you couldn't make a rhyme?"  
Down by the bay.

### **Activity #3 – Nature Observation**

Go “bug-searching”. The outing provides a chance to recognize that there are many plants and animals living in our natural surroundings, a fact we often forget in our daily lives, and to understand firsthand the richness and importance of nature. Make a pair of first binoculars to help girls focus on just one fuzzy caterpillar or... tape together two empty toilet paper rolls and tie a string for first “binoculars.” Girls can decorate them too.

### **Activity #4 – Enjoy fun “nature” snacks**

Dirt Cups - add gummi worms into "dirt" made from JELL-O Instant Pudding and chocolate-sandwich cookies. Ingredients: 2 cups of cold milk, 1 package (4 serving size) JELL-O Instant Pudding (chocolate flavor), 3-1/2 cups (8 ounce container) COOL WHIP whipped topping, thawed, 1 package (16 ounces) chocolate sandwich cookies (like OREOS) (crush them into tiny pieces in a plastic bag), gummy worms or insects  
Cooking Instructions: Pour the milk into the mixing bowl and add the pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk until well blended (about two minutes). Let pudding stand for five minutes. Stir whipped topping and 1/2 of the crushed cookies into the pudding (very gently) with rubber scraper until mixture is all the same color. Place about 1 tablespoon of the remaining crushed cookies into the bottom of each cup. Fill cups about 3/4 full with pudding mixture. Top each cup with the rest of the crushed cookies. Add gummy worms and insects to decorate. Put cups into the refrigerator for about one hour to chill them-- and enjoy!

### **Activity #5 - Recycled Critters**

Girls create their own “special critter” from recycled materials  
Materials Needed: Just about anything: fast food containers, 2-liter bottles, candy wrappers, empty soft drink cans, anything that will be thrown away! Tape, glue . markers, paint. Create away!



### **Activity #6 – Clean Up and Beautify**

Organize a project to clean up or beautify some area in your town. It could be at your school, your meeting place, or some other spot. Make sure to have a plan for how to take care of the spot after you've made it nice.

### **Activity #7 – Read “The Lorax” by De. Seuss**

Through Dr. Seuss's story, girls will be presented the concept of needless waste in a "natural" environment, and will learn how this story relates to the real world. Discuss with the girls how the smogulous smoke produced by the THNEEDS factory made the Lorax cough, whiff, sneeze, snuff, snarggle, and croak. Talk about air pollution produced by cars and other machinery with gas-burning engines, as well as emissions produced by furnaces, fireplaces, factories, and incinerators.

## Activity #8 – Sing Conservation Songs

### RECYCLING IN MY HOME

(tune: wheels on the bus)

Recycling in my home goes round and round,  
Round and round, round and round.  
Recycling in my home goes round and round,  
All through the day.

Tie up the papers and take them back,  
Take them back, take them back.  
Tie up the papers and take them back,  
All through the day.

Crush the cans and take them back.....

Rinse the milk bottles and take them back....

Save the glass and take it back.....

### THIS OLD EARTH

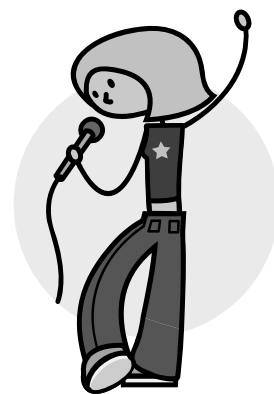
(tune: This Old Man)

This old earth  
Needs our help  
To stay fresh and clean and green  
With a pick it up; pitch it in; and throw it in the can--  
This old earth needs a helping hand!

### THIS LAND

(tune: This land is your land)

This land is your land  
This land is my land,  
Let's work together  
To make it better  
From tall green forests to clear blue waters  
This land depends on you and me!



### **Activity #9 - Use all five senses**

Discover nature using the girls' senses to sights, sound, scent, touch and taste. Go outside. Feel the texture of leaves or moss, smell the mud and listen with eyes closed to the sounds of wind. Lie on your back to observe clouds and make pictures from them, or taste the rain. When back inside have girls draw what they saw, felt, heard, etc...

### **Activity #10 - Bean Bag Game**

Play a game using bean bags as cans and a hoola hoop as the recycling bin. Stand in a circle around the "recycling bin" and this song. (the tune is 5 In The Bed and the little one said roll over etc.)

There's a can in the bin and another goes in Recycle ! Recycle!

So \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name ) recycled and threw in a can.

There's 2 cans in the bin etc.

Continue the song until all children have had their names called to throw a bean bag.

