

CHAMPIONS FOR NATURE

ELECTIVE ADVENTURE



SNAPSHOT OF ADVENTURE



Planet Earth is our home. It provides us with all the things we need to live: air, water, and food. Earth also provides us with natural beauty like mountains, oceans, forests, and waterfalls. All these things are valuable resources that we need. In this Adventure, you will discover the things that you can do to help ensure the resources of Earth are taken care of and respected. Some of these things may seem small. When done by everyone, these small actions impact our world, our home, and the planet Earth.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Discover the difference between renewable natural resources and nonrenewable natural resources.
2. Learn about the three R's: reduce, reuse, recycle.
3. Discover what happens to the recyclables in your community.
4. Participate in a conservation project.

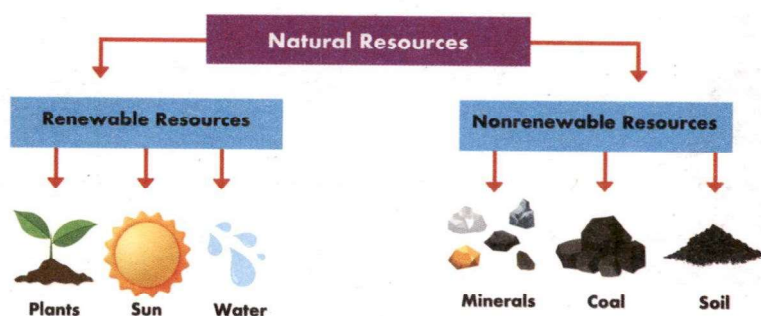


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REQUIREMENT 1

Discover the difference between renewable natural resources and nonrenewable natural resources.

Natural resources are all around us. Trees, air, water, and even sunlight are all natural resources. Some natural resources can be used over and over or replaced; these are renewable resources.



Other resources are nonrenewable. Fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas can be used only once. Once they are used, they cannot be used again.



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REQUIREMENT 2

Learn about the three R's:
reduce, reuse, recycle.



REDUCE

Reduce means to find ways to reduce or eliminate being wasteful. Waste is created when we have leftovers after using a resource. For example, if you are using glue for a project, use only enough glue to hold your project together. Using too much glue and having it drip on your project creates waste.



REDUCE

Reduce means using less and not being wasteful.

Think of a time when you used up all of something. Is there a way you could have done the same thing by using less?

REUSE

Some things we can use over and over again instead of throwing it away. You can reuse items again like you did the first time, or you can use them again in a different way. You might get some bottled water, and when you are done drinking the water, you could refill the bottle with water. Or you could make the bottle into a bird feeder or a terrarium.

What are some things that you throw away that could be used again, either for the same purpose or for a different purpose?





RECYCLE

These are some examples of items
that can be recycled.



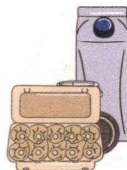
Plastic



Metal



Glass



Cartons



Paper & mail, books



Paperboard

RECYCLE

Recycle is another way to reuse resources. Recycling means collecting things that normally would be thrown away and using them to make new products. For example, instead of throwing away plastic water bottles, the bottles can be recycled with other empty water bottles and made into new water bottles or something else made from plastics.



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REQUIREMENT 3

Discover what happens to the recyclables in your community.

Not everything can be recycled, and different communities have different ways to handle recyclables. You can find out how your community handles recyclables by contacting your local waste management department or with an adult, look up recycling in your community.

If you have a recycling center near you, perhaps your den can plan a trip to see how recyclables are collected, sorted, and processed to make new things.



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REQUIREMENT 4

Participate in a conservation project.

A conservation project is a project that helps the environment. The project could be part of the three R's: reduce, reuse, recycle. For example, collecting cardboard and taking it to a recycling center can be a great conservation project.

Your project can be simple. The best project is one that you and your den or family do and know how it made a difference.



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