

Champions for Nature



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Champions for Nature – Lion	Champions for Nature – Tiger	Champions for Nature – Wolf	Champions for Nature – Bear	Champions for Nature – Webelos	Champions for Nature – Arrow of Light
Natural Resources Recycling	Renewable Resources Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Local Garbage	Renewable Resources Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Local Recycling	Natural Resources Wastewater Soil Air Pollution	Threatened and Endangered Animals	Food Production and Waste Food Desert Food Oasis

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1.) Discover the difference between natural resources and man-made items.	1.) Discover the difference between renewable natural resources and non-renewable natural resources.	1.) Discover the difference between renewable natural resources and non-renewable natural resources.	1.) Discover natural resources.	1.) Discover the four components that make up a habitat: food, water, shelter, space.	1.) Identify foods grown or processed in your state.
2.) Discover the difference between organic, paper, plastic, metal and glass waste.	2.) Learn about the three "R"s: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.	2.) Learn about the three "R"s: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.	2.) Discover what happens to the wastewater in your community.	2.) Pick an animal that is currently threatened or endangered to complete requirements 3, 4, and 5.	2.) Determine the benefits of purchasing food that is locally grown or processed.
3.) Discover recycling.	3.) Discover what happens to the garbage in your community.	3.) Discover what happens to the recyclables in your community.	3.) Investigate Soil.	3.) Identify the characteristics that classify an animal as a threatened or endangered species.	3.) Explore the concept of a food desert.
4.) Participate in a conservation project.	4.) Participate in a conservation project.	4.) Participate in a conservation project.	4.) Investigate air pollution.	4.) Explore what caused this animal to be threatened or endangered.	4.) Explore the concept of a food oasis.
			5.) Participate in a conservation project.	5.) Research what is currently being done to protect the animal.	5.) Learn how individuals can reduce food waste.
				6.) Participate in a conservation service project.	6.) Participate in a conservation service project.

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/scouting-clean-waterways/>

Or Scouting.org,
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left column click **Scouting for Clean Waterways**

Waterways!

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Conservation Good Turn for America, the Boy Scouts of America is joining the nationwide initiative aimed at addressing the critical issue of waterway and marine debris, “aquatic trash”, offering Scouts the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the health of our waterways and ecosystems.



Why It Matters:

Each year, millions of tons of plastic and other man-made materials enter our water bodies, endangering marine life, disrupting habitats, and imposing economic costs. This aquatic trash often comes from dry lands miles away from our water resources. Aquatic trash poses a significant threat to the health of our oceans, lakes, rivers, and associated ecosystems. By participating in Scouting For Clean Waterways, Scouts can help address this critical issue and make a positive difference in their communities and beyond.



What Scouting Can Do

Learn how your unit can participate in Scouting for Clean Waterways



Packs & Dens



Troops, Crews & Ships



Councils

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Den Leader Questions

- ✔ What is littering? When someone litters, what do you think happens?
- ✔ What do you think will happen if the earth's waterways, like oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, are filled with litter?
- ✔ What are some ways we could help stop littering? How can we keep litter out of the earth's waterways?
- ✔ Pretend you are a fish who lives in the ocean. How could litter, like a plastic water bottle, be harmful to you?
- ✔ What other materials could harm the earth's waterways?
- ✔ Why is it important to take care of the environment? How can you take care of the environment?



Cub Scouts Take Action

Dens or Packs can participate in clean-up activities in their local communities.

Clean up activities can be held anywhere there is a need. Community parks and recreation areas, school grounds, and the areas around our houses of worship are all ideal candidates for a Cub Scout – Scouting for Clean Waterways activity.

Cub Scout – Scouting for Clean Waterways activities should only last 1-2 hours.

Cub Scout Dens or Packs can organize the activity on their own or they can participate with community organizations hosting similar activities.

Cub Scout families can be included on any Scouting for Clean Waterways project.

Scouting for Clean Waterways projects can be held anytime. Scheduling the activity each year between April and June, as an Earth Day, or as a Scouts Trash the Trash Day activity are the most popular options.

***Every piece of trash collected and properly disposed of is one less piece of trash that can enter our waterways.**

Recognize the Cub Scouts' Accomplishments

- ✔ Scouting for Clean Waterways participants may be presented with the Scouting for Clean Waterways' certificate after logging the service project on Scoutbook.
- ✔ Scouting for Clean Waterways participants may be presented with the Scouting for Clean Waterways' patch, available from national supply or your local Scout Shop.
- ✔ Scouting for Clean Waterways activities may be used to complete a conservation service project for the Champions for Nature Adventure.

Together, let's make a positive impact on our environment and protect our precious water resources for future generations. **Join us for Scouting For Clean Waterways!**



Share The Story

Enter your Pack or Den's information on Scoutbook:

- ✓ Post pictures and stories on our Scouting for Clean Waterways facebook Group at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CleanWaterScouts/>
- ✓ Email your stories to us at
CleanWaterScouts@scouting.org
- ✓ Share your stories with your Council and with local media. Let our communities know how the Cubs Scouts are taking action to reduce aquatic trash and why it is important.



Cub Scouting Resources

[Cub Scout Fast Start](#)

[A Quick Guide to Scouting for Clean Waterways](#)

[How to run a Scouting for Clean Waterways Service Project](#)

[Scouting for Clean Waterways facebook page](#)

[Scouting for Clean Waterways facebook group](#)

CleanWaterScouts@scouting.org

Scouting For Clean Waterways - Cub Scouts FAST START

Choose Your Location & Date

- Choose accessible sites with visible trash, easy parking, and multiple access points
- Schedule cleanups during April-June for 1-2 hours

Get Permissions

- Secure permission from property owners or contact city officials for public spaces
- Obtain necessary permits

Safety First

- Implement buddy system (2-3 Scouts) and maintain adult supervision
- Follow Youth Protection policies

Get the Supplies

- First aid kit, work/medical gloves, trash bags, water/snacks, sunblock/bug spray, buckets for sharp items, trash pickers (optional)

Cleanup Guidelines

- No water entry allowed
- Define cleanup boundaries
- Adults handle sharp/dangerous items, don't touch hazardous materials

During Cleanup

- Make it fun with themes or competitions

Material Sorting & Disposal

- Separate recyclables if possible, follow local guidelines
- Arrange trash pickup or transport to approved facilities
- Report hazardous materials to authorities

Reporting

- Log service hours, share success stories, contact local media

Remember: Safety first! No water entry for Cub Scouts





How to Run a Scouting For Clean Waterways Service Project



Our Start-to-Finish Guide to Clearing Trash From Your Local Waterway

Waterway and marine debris pose a significant threat to the health of our oceans, lakes, rivers, and associated ecosystems. Each year, millions of tons of plastic and other man-made materials are dumped into these water bodies, resulting in devastating consequences for marine life, habitats, and the economy. From plastic pollution to discarded tires, the impact of debris on our environment cannot be overstated.

The consequences of waterway and marine debris are profound and far-reaching. Not only does it endanger marine life through entanglement and ingestion killing more than 1 million animals annually, but it also introduces pollutants and contaminants into our diverse ecosystems, affecting the health and behavior of life on land.

Scouting for Clean Waterways is empowering Cub Scouts to “Take Action” by participating in waterway cleanup projects every Spring. Don’t have a waterway near you. Do a land based cleanup. Over 90% of aquatic trash begins on land. Every piece of trash collected and properly disposed of is one less piece of trash that can enter our waterways.

8 Steps to Planning Your River Cleanup

