

## March Theme: Litter to Glitter

Character Connection: Resourcefulness and Citizenship

### Fact and Figures from the EPA.

- In 2006, every American generated approximately 4 1/2 pounds of solid waste per day, totaling 251 million tons.
- The good news was 32% of that waste was recycled, almost 82 Million tons, and since 1960 every year we have increased the percentage of solid waste we recycle.
- The three R's (recycling, reduction and reuse).

### Cub Scout World Conservation Award

This award can be earned only once while you are in Cub Scouting (i.e. as either a Wolf, Bear or as a Webelos Scout).

As a Wolf Cub Scout, you can earn the Award by doing the following:

- Complete achievement [#7 - Your Living World](#)
- Complete all Arrow Points in 2 of the following 3 Electives:
  - [#13 - Birds](#)
  - [#15 - Grow Something](#)
  - [#19 - Fishing](#)
- Participate in den or pack conservation project in addition to above



As a Bear Cub Scout, you can earn the Award by doing the following:

- Complete achievement [#5 - SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE](#)
- Complete all requirements in 2 of the following 3 electives:
  - [#2 - Weather](#)
  - [#12 - Nature Crafts](#)
  - [#15 - Water and Soil Conservation](#)
- Participate in a den or pack conservation project in addition to the above

**Outdoor Activities.** Weather permitting, a den or a pack can take a litter-picking hike at a local park or campground. Be sure to observe proper safety precautions such as wearing gloves. Boys may make litter-picking sticks by hammering a finishing nail into the end of a stick before they go on the hike. Have ready several bags for trash and recyclable items. As they pick up the litter, have boys place each item in the proper bag. At the end of the hike, the boys can examine how much of the "litter" is recyclable. Make sure everyone washes his hands thoroughly with soap and water afterward.

### Volunteer Ranger Experience workday at DuPage Forest Preserve

- Setting up a community clean up service project for your Den is incredible easy.
- Contact Kathleen Herrera-Glezen at DuPage Forest Preserve's Volunteer Services Division. [kglezen@dupageforest.com](mailto:kglezen@dupageforest.com) (630) 933-7681








## Using Games effectively during Den Meetings.

- Games are great way burn off excess energy and too keep the meeting fun and interesting.
- Make sure the playing area is large enough and free of hazards that could cause an injury.
- Be sure you understand the game before teaching it, practice with family and friends.
- To introduce the game, Name it, demonstrate it, explain the rule, ask for questions, then play.
- If the game goes badly, stop, explain the rules again and restart.
- Insist on fair play and do not over play the game, stop while the game is still fun!
- Keep a short list of the games your Scouts enjoy and use them as behavior incentives.

### Game: Sort your Plastics

Like most other municipalities, Naperville uses a one-sort system, where all recyclable materials labeled No. 1 to 5 and No. 7 are accepted and need not be sorted. No. 6, foam products such as egg containers, meat trays or packing peanuts and plastic bags are the only items **not** accepted.

Give your Scouts home assignment to find one example of a plastic from the resin identification coding system listed below. Have them bring their collection of plastic to a den meeting. Divide up the den in to teams and dump into two piles equal assortment of plastics to sort into separate bins.

Recycling No.	Abbreviation	Polymer Name	Uses once recycled
	PETE or PET	<a href="#">Polyethylene terephthalate</a>	Polyester fibres, thermoformed sheet, strapping, soft drink bottles. (See also: <a href="#">Recycling of PET Bottles</a> )
	HDPE	<a href="#">High density polyethylene</a>	Bottles, grocery bags, recycling bins, agricultural pipe, base cups, car stops, playground equipment, and plastic lumber.
	PVC or V	<a href="#">Polyvinyl chloride</a>	Pipe, fencing, and non-food bottles.
	LDPE	<a href="#">Low density polyethylene</a>	Plastic bags, various containers, dispensing bottles, wash bottles, tubing, and various molded laboratory equipment.
	PP	<a href="#">Polypropylene</a>	Auto parts and industrial fibers.
	PS	<a href="#">Polystyrene</a>	Desk accessories, cafeteria trays, toys, video cassettes and cases, insulation board and <a href="#">expanded polystyrene</a> products (e.g. <a href="#">Styrofoam</a> ).
	OTHER	Other plastics, including <a href="#">acrylic</a> , <a href="#">polycarbonate</a> , <a href="#">polylactic acid</a> , <a href="#">nylon</a> and <a href="#">fiberglass</a> .	

### Game: Laundry Toss

*Materials:* One empty gallon-size plastic container (juice, laundry soap, milk jug) per player, several clean old socks

*Preparation:* Cut the bottom off of the plastic container. Clean and dry them. Decorate them with permanent markers, if desired. Roll up two socks to make a ball.

Players form a circle and toss the sock ball back and forth, using the jugs to catch and throw. The throwing pattern could be random, or a player can be directed to throw to the same person each time. A player cannot throw to a person next to him. Add more balls as players gain skill. This game can be played as a team competition as well.

