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Pollution is one dirty word and we all contribute to it in some form or another. The responsibility for preventing pollution lies with all of us and must be imbedded in our everyday activities. If we make these three basic principals part of our everyday activities, we will be helping the pollution fight:

- Reduce inputs; don't put unnecessary items into the environmental cycle.
- Use environmentally friendly products.
- Reuse or recycle as many items as you can.

Are you a pollution contributor or are you doing your part to help keep the air, land and water clean?

### PICKING UP THE LITTER

*Tune: Working on the Railroad*

We've been picking up the litter, all the livelong day;  
We've been picking up the litter, just to have a place to play.  
Can't you see the litter basket,  
Sitting on the sidewalk there?  
Every little bit will help us, if you just show you care.

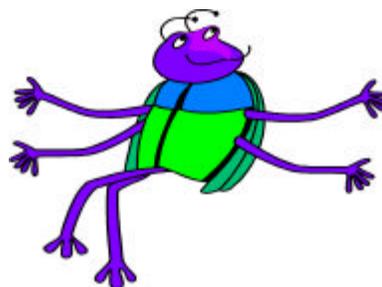
Won't you pick it up?  
Won't you pick it up?  
Won't you pick it up today?  
Help us clean it up,  
Help us clean it up,  
Help us clean it up today.



### SOMETHING NOT TO BE

Find the missing letters. They spell something no one wants to be. What is it?

B O T T    \_\_\_    E S  
           T    \_\_\_    N S  
           S    \_\_\_    R I N G  
           S    \_\_\_    I C K S  
 P A P    \_\_\_    R  
           T    \_\_\_    A S H  
 R U B    \_\_\_    I S H  
           J    \_\_\_    N K  
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Answer:  
LITTERBUG



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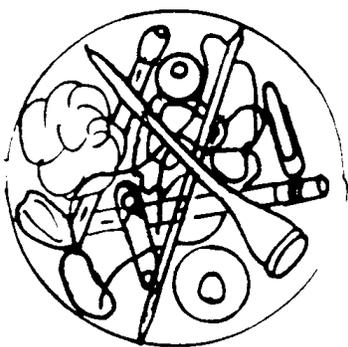
### CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### LITTER BASKET TIE SLIDE

*Materials needed:*

*empty Jet Dry basket or film canister  
pipe cleaner    scrap paper  
glue            marker*

Thread a pipe cleaner through the Jet Dry basket or through 2 holes poked in the film canister. Bend to back and fasten ends together to form the ring for the slide. Make a little sign that says LITTER and glue to the front. Fill basket with wadded paper scraps and glue them in.



#### TRASH NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

*Materials needed:*

*poster board  
various and assorted junk from around the house  
1/2" PVC pipe  
hot glue gun and glue*

Cut a 2 1/2" circle from poster board and glue the PVC pipe onto the back for ring. Glue bits and pieces of household junk onto the front of the circle to completely cover the poster board.

#### POLLUTION CATCHER

Some air pollution you can see. Some air pollution you can smell. But some air pollution you can recognize only by its results. Here's a way to test for air pollution where you live:

- ❑ Wait for a dry, sunny day. Put a coffee filter or paper towel outside. Choose a place where the paper won't get dirty in any way other than from the air. Put the paper in a place where it won't blow away. Come back at the end of the day and see whether the paper collected dirt particles.
- ❑ Now, try putting papers in other places. See if papers in different locations catch different sorts of air pollution.



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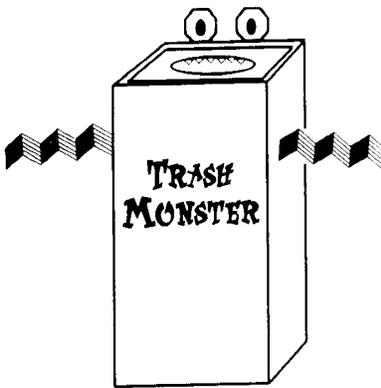
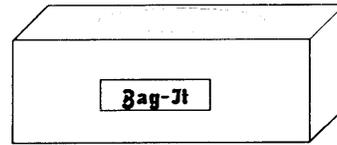
*Materials needed:*

*empty tissue box      scissors*  
*copy of label          glue*  
*permanent markers*  
*construction paper*  
*paint for box (spray paint works well)*

Paint the tissue box. When dry, glue an enlarged copy of the label to the front of the box. Decorate the box as desired using markers and construction paper. Stuff with bags!



↑ Copy this and use as a label ↑

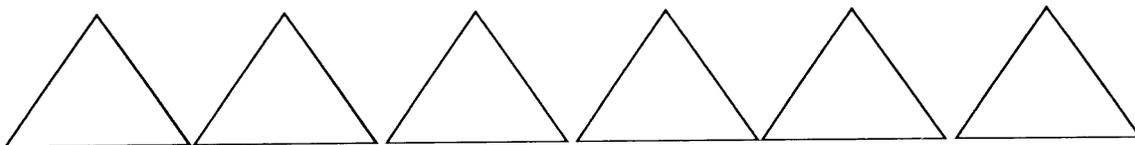
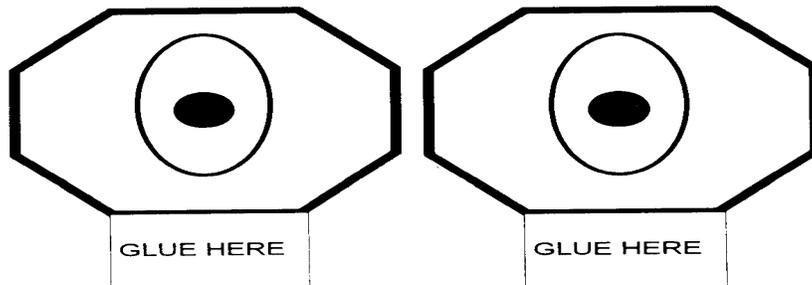


### DESK TOP TRASH MONSTER

*Materials needed:*

*2 paper lunch bags      scissors*  
*construction paper      glue*

Cut an oval in the bottom of one lunch bag. Open the bottom of the other lunch bag and slide the first one inside it so the hole is at the top (this is the monster's mouth.) Decorate the bag as you like. You can copy and use some of the items below if you like. Set the monster on a desktop and feed it small pieces of trash.





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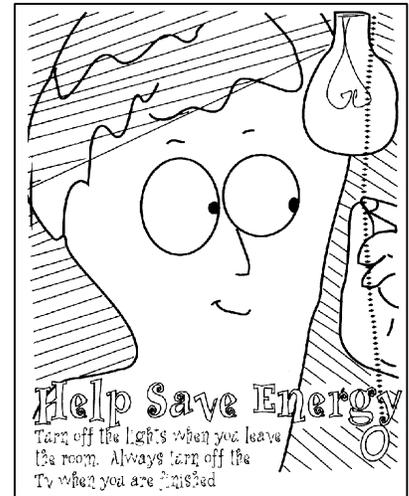
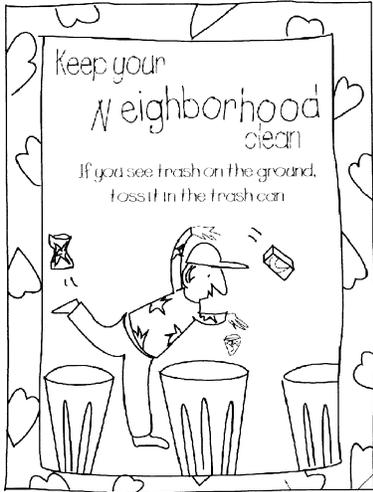
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### POLLUTION SOLUTION COLORING BOOK

Enlarge the following pictures to 8 1/2" by 11". Punch holes on the left side and insert string to tie off. The boys will have a pollution solution-coloring book that they can share with their family.





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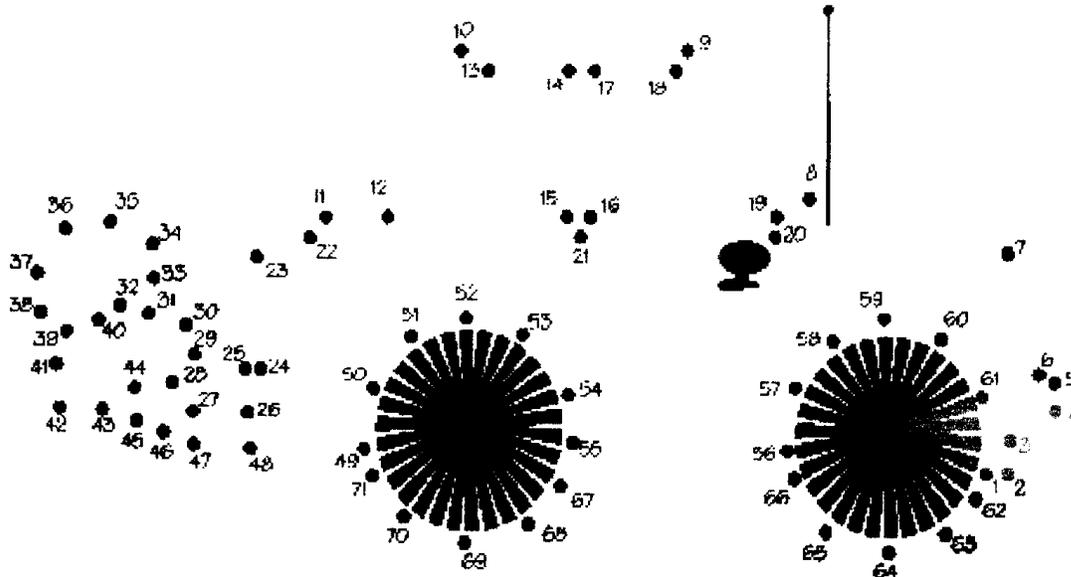
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### CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect the dots to find a number one cause of air pollution in the USA and around the world.



### CEREMONIES

#### AMERICAN HERITAGE OPENING

*Have a boy read each section.*

Part of our American Heritage is learning how to care for our beautiful land so it will be here for future generations to enjoy.

In Cub Scouting, we learn to prevent those things which destroy our land, such as fire or pollution.

As we salute the emblem of America, let's vow to keep our land beautiful, just as our ancestors found it.

Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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### SKITS

#### THE CONVERSATION OF THREE LITTERS

*Characters: 2 Cub Scouts in uniform; 5 boys in street clothes wearing signs,(1) BUSINESS MAN, (1) BOY, and (3) LITTER*

*Props: box (large enough to hold 3 boys) with LITTER BASKET painted on it*

*BUSINESS MAN walks across stage with one LITTER. In the middle of the stage, he drops the LITTER. LITTER rocks back and forth as if blown by the wind. Shortly afterwards, BOY comes on stage with second LITTER and drops him on the ground. The two LITTERS start a conversation.*

LITTER #1: Oh boy, now I have someone to talk to.

LITTER #2: Hi. Did you see that fellow who dropped me?

LITTER #1: Yeah, what about him?

LITTER #2: Well, you would think he would have enough sense to put me in the litter basket. Its plainly marked.

LITTER #1: That type always fools you.

LITTER #2: Shh-h-h. Here comes someone else. *(A uniformed Cub Scout enters with third LITTER, drops him in basket.)*

LITTER #1: Hey, did you see that?

LITTER #2: Yeah. He put that litter in the basket.

LITTER #1: Say, I wonder how it feels to be in there.

LITTER #2: Why don't we ask?

LITTER #1: OK. You do it. You have a bigger voice than I do.

LITTER #2: *(To LITTER in basket.)* Hey, you!

LITTER #3: Yeah? What do you want?

LITTER #2: We want to know how it feels to be in that basket.

LITTER #3: Just great! You don't get bumped and pushed all over the place.

LITTER #2: Gee, that does sound great!

LITTER #1: Boy, I wish someone would come along and pick us up and put us in that basket.

LITTER #2: Don't worry, someone will. Just wait and see. *(A uniformed Cub Scout enters.)*

CUB: This month, we are studying pollution solutions. One solution is to keep litterbugs under control, so I'd better get busy and do my part to keep the countryside clean. *(He picks up the 2 LITTERS and puts them in the basket.)*

LITTER #1: Hey, this feels great! It's just like you said it would be. I was sure getting tired of being shoved, pushed, and stepped on out there.

LITTER #2: I'm just glad it's the month for Cub Scouts to be concerned about pollution solutions!

**OPTION:** *If you have boys who are shy, use wads on newspaper for the litter and place the boys behind a curtain saying their parts through microphones.*





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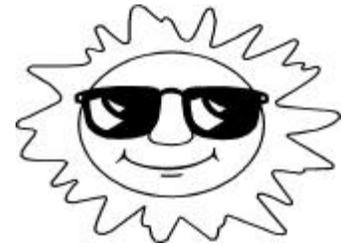
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### CONSERVE EARTH'S WONDERS - Flannel Board Story

Preparation includes making a flannel board, which is a good project for a den meeting. To make the flannel board, cover a large piece of plywood or heavy cardboard with light green cotton flannel (type of material used for winter pajamas.) Stretch flannel tightly across the board and thumbtack or staple gun it to the back. Bind edges with green tape. Large cutouts are needed for those words shown in capital letters, below. Enlarge the designs on this page or create your own. Glue small pieces of sandpaper on the back of the cutouts to make them adhere to the flannel. As the story unfolds, place the appropriate cutouts on the flannel board.

Cub 1: We believe in the wisdom of nature's design.

SUN, LARGE TREE



Cub 2: We know that soil, water, plants and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life.

POND, CLUMP OF VEGETATION, RACCOON

Cub 3: We recognize that each living thing links to many others in the chain of nature.

FISH, DRAGONFLY

Cub 4: We believe in studying the patterns of outdoor life.

BINOCULARS

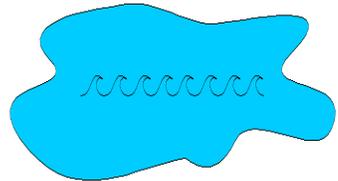


Cub 5: We condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost.

OWL, SNAKE

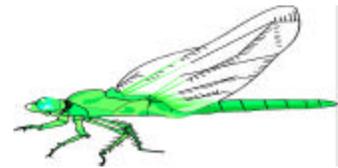
Cub 6: We believe that every generation should be able to experience places where primitive nature is undisturbed.

FAMILY



Cub 7: We dedicate ourselves to opening the eyes of young and old that all may enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world, and to share in conserving its wonders forever.

CUB SCOUT EMBLEM





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### LITTERBUG LOU

*This skit could be adapted using 2,4,6,or 8 Cub Scouts, each wearing a bug mask they have made in a den meeting and reading or reciting several lines from the following:*

My name is Litterbug Lou  
And oh! What us litterbug do!  
We clutter the country with paper and trash,  
At making a mess we're really a smash.  
The roadsides and parks are scenes of our folly,  
We really enjoy it and think it quite jolly.  
To leave behind garbage, bottles and paper  
As little mementos of our daily labor.

I'm Tidy Bug Ted of the Tidy Bug Clan,  
We work to keep things spick and span.  
We pick up the litter wherever we are  
And always carry litterbags in our car.  
We'll knock out Lou and all of his band,  
And keep America a beautiful land  
Free of litter, trash and clutter.  
Won't you help us, dear father and mother?

