

Eco Learner

Badge Overview



Through earning this badge, Daisies will learn how to protect nature on their outdoor adventures using 3 of the 7 Leave No Trace Principles.

Here is a [link](#) if you would like to learn all 7 principles.

A tactile [way](#) to remember the principles.

Badge Components

1. Be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors

Think about going on an outdoor adventure. What do you need to bring with you? Think about being safe, what you can carry, and what you will actually use on your adventure. There are things you should bring with you and some that should stay home.

- Gather at least 10 things from around the house and separate them into two piles, things to bring and things to leave. Talk with your parents or siblings about why each item is in one pile or the other.

2. Keep living things safe as you walk in nature

The outdoors is home to so many living things and it is important to protect them while we are exploring. Let's look at just how many things are living inside a small space. You are going to create a nature circle.

- Get a long piece of rope or string and make it a circle in your yard.
- Now, look inside your circle. Draw a picture of all the living things inside your circle: bugs, grass, flowers, everything living in that area.
- Share your drawing with others.

3. Learn how to protect nature from trash

Trash is everywhere and unfortunately sometimes that means outdoors too. In addition to looking ugly, trash makes the environment unsafe. Trash can hurt animals when they eat it but they can also get their paws, wings, or heads stuck in containers or bags.

- Take a walk outside in your neighborhood and gather any trash that has been left behind.

Materials

- Access to internet
- Hiking supplies

Florida Educational Standards

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