



## **Environmental Activities For Kids**

### **Environmental Activities...**

- Are about exploration, understanding and curiosity;
- allow kids to explore the natural world;
- teach kids about animals and the earth;
- encourage a natural respect for the planet and all beings;
- promote eco-literacy;
- bring kids, creativity and nature together;
- lead to an ethic of caring for the Earth and each other;
- let kids get dirty; and
- are fun!

**Check out these online resources for lots of cool ideas and activities!**

### **Wild Games at Kid's Planet - [www.kidsplanet.org/games/](http://www.kidsplanet.org/games/)**

Online children's games such as: Matching Animal Cards, Matching Animal Sounds to Animal Pictures, Animal Word Search in a Crossword Puzzle, Animal Quiz, and Rubik's Cube Animal Puzzle. Also: Fact Sheets, Teacher's Bible, The Web of Life Story, Worldwide Wolves, and Dolphin Essay Contest.

### **Roots and Shoots / The Jane Goodall Institute - [www.janegoodall.org/rs/activities/](http://www.janegoodall.org/rs/activities/)**

Adult organized and supervised activities that engage kids with their communities, local organizations, the earth, plants, and animals. Activities include - Adopt a Place, Learn About & Grow Native Plants, Build a Birdhouse, Start a Recycling Program, and Adopt an Animal.

### **Kid's Corner at Rainforest Action Network - [www.ran.org/kids\\_action/](http://www.ran.org/kids_action/)**

A wide array of rainforest education, activities, programs and resources such as; Forest Fact Sheets for Students, Protect An Acre Program, 7 Steps for Kids to take, Rainforest Q & A, Teacher's Resources, Rainforest Slideshow, Crafts and Recipes, Action Alerts and Letters From Kids to Companies.

### **Mapping Biodiversity - [www.worldwildlife.org/cgi-bin/wwfus/wow/species.pl](http://www.worldwildlife.org/cgi-bin/wwfus/wow/species.pl)**

Travel around the world with this on-line version of "Mapping Biodiversity." This activity is adapted from World Wildlife Fund's "Biodiversity Basics"--a new teaching module for middle school educators focused on biodiversity. "Mapping Biodiversity" highlights the amazing diversity of life around the world and how scientists survey and map eco-regions.

### **Eco Mall Kid's Links - [www.ecomall.com/biz/kidslinks.htm](http://www.ecomall.com/biz/kidslinks.htm)**

100 + links on environmental education resources and activities from A – Z.

**Tropical Rainforest Songs and Activities - [www.efn.org/~dharmika/ggftrop.htm](http://www.efn.org/~dharmika/ggftrop.htm)**

Read the lyrics, do environmental education activities with your classroom, family, or friends, look for answers to questions about the plants, animals, ecosystems, and indigenous people you can sing about, and surf the web with links that can tell you more about these beautiful tropical rainforest ecosystems.

**Children of the Earth United - [www.childrenoftheearth.org](http://www.childrenoftheearth.org)**

An adventure in environmental education and a great place for kids who like science, ecology, nature, and outdoor activities! Creative Kids – where kids can submit their own eco art and writing, Amazing Animals – where kids can learn about animals, Native American Wisdom, Earth Issues, Eco Glossary, Teacher’s Tools and Books.

**Kid’s Pages - [www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm)**

Sing along Songs, Brainteasers & Riddles, Story Time, Cool Links & Resources, Online Games and Activities, Interactive Online Coloring Books, Humor & Jokes, and Environmental Health & Sciences Hot Topics, Careers and Projects.

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