

## Additional Online Resources

[www.epa.gov/kids](http://www.epa.gov/kids): The Environmental Protection Agency provides a great resource about natural resources, animals, and the environment. Certain information and Web site links (such as the links to virtual experiments) are geared toward younger girls, while other information and links to scholarships and career ideas are appropriate for older girls.

[www.sustainablesites.org](http://www.sustainablesites.org): Sustainable Sites explains why sustainability is important by focusing on the ecosystem. The Web site includes descriptions of case studies of successful sustainability projects. The Orange County Great Park case study in California summarizes community participation, performance goals, and lessons learned from designing an environmentally sustainable park.

[www.buildgreenschools.org](http://www.buildgreenschools.org): Build Green Schools provides information about green schools including LEED standards. There are resources including power points and videos about recycling, school-wide environmental projects, and energy-efficiency strategies. Other resources focus on K-12 environmental education.

[www.loe.org/series/NCPHS](http://www.loe.org/series/NCPHS): Producing radio shows about the environment is a fun project for older girls who can partner with a local radio station. Living on Earth is an independent environmental radio station, and its Web site offers links and examples of shows produced by students.

[www.bioneers.org/education](http://www.bioneers.org/education): Bioneers Education Community gives examples of successful environmental education projects that create positive change.

[www.greenschoolsalliance.org/students/75ways.html](http://www.greenschoolsalliance.org/students/75ways.html): The Green School Alliance's 75 Things You Can Do To Stop Global Warming is a great list of suggestions for living more sustainably that can inspire project ideas.

[www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org): Natural Resources Defense Council has articles about current environmental issues, information on legislative policies, and resources for green living.

[www.sierraclub.org/education](http://www.sierraclub.org/education): Write about nature in the Sierra Club's Words for Wilderness around the World project. There are links to educational organizations, environmental education resources, and information about youth awards.

[www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org): The Alliance to Save Energy posts exciting news about the environment and relevant legislation. There is a link to the Green Schools Program that outlines ways to make schools more energy efficient.

[www.gogreeninitiative.org](http://www.gogreeninitiative.org): Go Green Schools is a network for schools to help promote stewardship in their communities. There are also resources for schools such as recommended

worms for composts. This Web site also has an article titled, “Why Go Green” that explains the environmental, financial, and social benefits of living more sustainably.

[www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org): Project Learning Tree is a Web site that helps students to learn “how to think, not what to think, about the environment.” This Web site has many helpful resources and information about each of the focus areas. There are also surveys about resource usage (such as water usage) so that girls can assess how much is being used and how usage can be reduced.

[www.earthsky.org](http://www.earthsky.org): Earth Sky is a partner with Project Learning Tree. This Web site features downloadable podcasts that provide information about the environment and science.

[www.nwf.org/wildlife](http://www.nwf.org/wildlife): The National Wildlife Federation helps protect wildlife and promotes sustainability for the future. This Web site provides information about animals and how the focus areas connect to animal welfare and survival. For example, there is an article about eagles and mercury pollution that may inform and inspire projects goals to protect wildlife.

[www.eco-schoolsusa.org](http://www.eco-schoolsusa.org): Eco-Schools USA is part of the National Wildlife Federation and plans to launch its program in September 2009. This program helps schools become more sustainable and green.

[www.myfootprint.org](http://www.myfootprint.org): Individuals can calculate their carbon footprint by entering information such as number of people in household, size of household, number of miles traveled annually, and types of energy sources used.

[www.eo.ucar.edu/kids/green/index.htm](http://www.eo.ucar.edu/kids/green/index.htm): Kid’s Crossing: Living in the Greenhouse, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, provides kids with general scientific information about climate change and the environment

[www.howgreenismytown.org](http://www.howgreenismytown.org): How Green is my Town? provides information about climate change, sustainability, and environmental health at the local level.

[www.greeneducationfoundation.org](http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org): The Green Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that strives to promote and enhance environmental education in schools. This foundation helps mobilize communities through National Green Week, Green Thumb Challenge, I Play Green Campaign, and other programs and campaigns.

[www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2009/solutions](http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2009/solutions): The CNN Web site has videos about solutions to environmental issues such as playgrounds made from recycled materials like milk jugs, tires, and sneakers.

[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org): The National Audubon Center Web site provides environmental news and education. With more than 500 chapters around the country, this organization can create effective local connections for councils.

<http://www.epa.gov/adopt/linkinggirls/contacts.html>: This is a contact list of the Linking Girls to the Land federal natural resources and associated partners that may serve as potential partners for Girl Scouts Forever Green projects. These agencies collaborate with Girl Scouts at the national and local levels to connect girls to nature, wildlife and the outdoors and empower girls to take action through projects focused on environmental education, outdoor skills development, career exploration and service.

[www.greenschoolproject.com](http://www.greenschoolproject.com): This is a cartridge- and cell-phone recycling program that partners with schools to promote recycling. There are also lesson plans and printable worksheets on the Web site.

[www.therecyclingguy.com](http://www.therecyclingguy.com): Program for recycling cell phones and other electronics in a safe way that benefits schools and charities financially.

[www.nikegamechangers.com/earth](http://www.nikegamechangers.com/earth): Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program reuses shoes to construct playgrounds and athletic facilities. Troops or councils can apply to host a shoe drive in their community.

[www.stopjunkmail.org](http://www.stopjunkmail.org): Ways to reduce junk mail and remove your name from mailings. This Web site has templates for letters that you can write to catalogs and credit card offers to reduce junk mail.

[www.crirecyclingink.com](http://www.crirecyclingink.com): CRI Recycling buys e-waste including ink cartridges, cell phones, and ink jets that it then recycles.

[www.nationalgreenweek.org](http://www.nationalgreenweek.org) and [www.eeweek.org](http://www.eeweek.org): Information about two national environmental weeks aimed at schools and communities and how to make them greener. Girl Scout projects can be featured on the Web sites. There are also videos, facts, and resources about the environment and waste.

[www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net): Resource for upcycling Capri Sun pouches and other drink pouches as well as energy bar wrappers. These unrecyclable products are made into new products such as purses and pencil cases. Candy wrappers and snack wrappers can also be upcycled!

[www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com): Waste Management's Web site helps educate people about the recycling process in a simplified and interesting way. Learn how waste is transformed to energy and how aluminum cans are recycled.

[www.howtocompost.org](http://www.howtocompost.org): A complete source of composting information and articles for beginners to experts, including educational resources for composting in schools, at home and in communities.

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org): A grassroots nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) items for free in their own towns, in an effort to reuse and keep items out of landfills.

[www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org): The Center for a New American Dream's web site provides resources that helps Americans consume responsibly to protect the environment, enhance quality of life, and promote social justice. It includes a "green schools" section and highlights reusable water bottle efforts.

[www.catalogcancelingchallenge.com](http://www.catalogcancelingchallenge.com): The Catalog Canceling Challenge is a youth effort to cancel unwanted sales catalogs.

[www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org): Keep America Beautiful is an organization that combines environmental education with hands-on stewardship. This Web site provides a network for action projects and gives project suggestions.

[www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org): Farm to Schools is a non-profit organization that brings healthy local foods into schools and educates students about food, and how it travels from farm to fork. Learn about starting a farm to school program in your own school.