



**OUR EARTH
OUR HOME
OUR CLUB**

THE DON MOYER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM melds the concepts of art, education, and ecological purpose to create a living, learning, laboratory for the club members. The program promotes environmental and social responsibility on individual, local and global levels. Learning units spark interest and ignite motivation in the club members to become environmental stewards. The learning units include:

1. ALL OUR STUFF

2. WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

3. A DAY IN THE LIFE

4. WHERE WE LIVE

5. GREEN MARKET

Each learning unit is designed to take members on a journey that illustrates the interconnectedness of human behavior and the environment. Learning units combine hands-on classroom activities, instructional

seminars, and outdoor field trips to demonstrate how every aspect of their lives touches the environment. The activities challenge members to adopt sustainable living practices at the club, in their homes and within the local community. The Program encourages club members to examine how their personal daily habits may have local, and even global, implications.

Community relationships are instrumental in the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club Environmental Program. The University of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana community will dedicate time and resources to engage the members' creativity. Although community partners are essential for the Program's success, the Program encourages club members to take ownership and build a self-sustaining environmental program. Ultimately, the Don Moyer Boys & Girls club will present their accomplishments to other Clubs nationwide to motivate and inspire them to create a similar program.

The **benefits** of the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club Environmental Program build character. The learning unit activities inspire members to:

- BECOME SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS
- DEVELOP AND REFINE REAL-WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
- BUILD CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- BE ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS WHO ARE EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING
- FOSTER LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
- IMPROVE SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS
- SEEK NEW GREEN CAREER PATHS
- TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT
- DESIGN CREATIVE GREEN PRODUCTS THAT WILL BENEFIT THE PROGRAM, CLUB AND COMMUNITY.







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ALL

OUR

STUFF

Stuff! So much stuff! Things we don't really want or need. Useless gadgets, cheaply made toys and trinkets, boxes, packaging, plastic bags, plastic bottles, Styrofoam cups. Where does it all come from? Where does it all go? The "All Our Stuff" learning unit illustrates how our consumer choices and the life cycle of products have transformed vital natural resources into mountains of rubbish. Unit activities will teach members that all we consume originates from the earth and must be returned to the earth. Members will learn how to make smart consumer choices that nourish positive urban lifestyles while sustaining our global ecosystems.





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WATER

WATER

EVERY

How clean is the water from your sink? Is it safe to drink the rain? Do we have an endless supply of water? In the “Water Water Everywhere” learning unit, club members will discover the restorative properties of water and how it sustains the river of life. This unit illustrates the sources of water, what happens to water before it fills your glass and where water goes after we flush it down the drain. As in the hydrologic cycle, club members will learn to renew and revitalize water sources by becoming more water-conscious and aware of what impacts water quality.

WHERE





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A DAY

IN

LIFE

How does your day begin? Do you eat locally grown food for breakfast? Do you let the water run while you brush your teeth? Do you watch television or go outside and play? Each day you awake begins a fresh opportunity to make your world a happier and healthier place. Although our individual

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personal daily decisions may have a small effect, as a community, our actions can become a positive force for change. “A Day in the Life” learning unit inspires club members to explore a sustainable lifestyle that benefits their body, mind and soul. With an emphasis on family and community life, activities will encourage daily habits that create a healthy lifestyle for current and future generations.





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WHERE

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Quick! Grab your helmet, some extra water and prepare to travel through time. Your first destination is a warm tropical ocean 350 million years ago where ancient fish-like creatures are crawling out of the water. Fast forward to 65 million years ago and you better HURRY! Run for your life! A Tyrannosaurus Rex is on your trail looking for lunch. Quick – let’s get out of here and travel to 18,000 years ago. Better have a warm jacket because the glaciers are moving through with 4,000 feet of ice overhead and woolly mammoths are roaming the frozen landscape. Jump to a mere 200 years ago and you’ll find yourself landing in a field of big blue stem and yellow cone flowers dancing to the gentle winds. You have just taken a journey through Champaign-Urbana’s geologic history. Who would have known that our quiet community has such an amazing story to share? What other natural adventures can we discover in our own backyard? The “Where We Live” learning unit will lead members through the fascinating history of central Illinois and open their eyes to plant and animal species living in their very own neighborhoods.



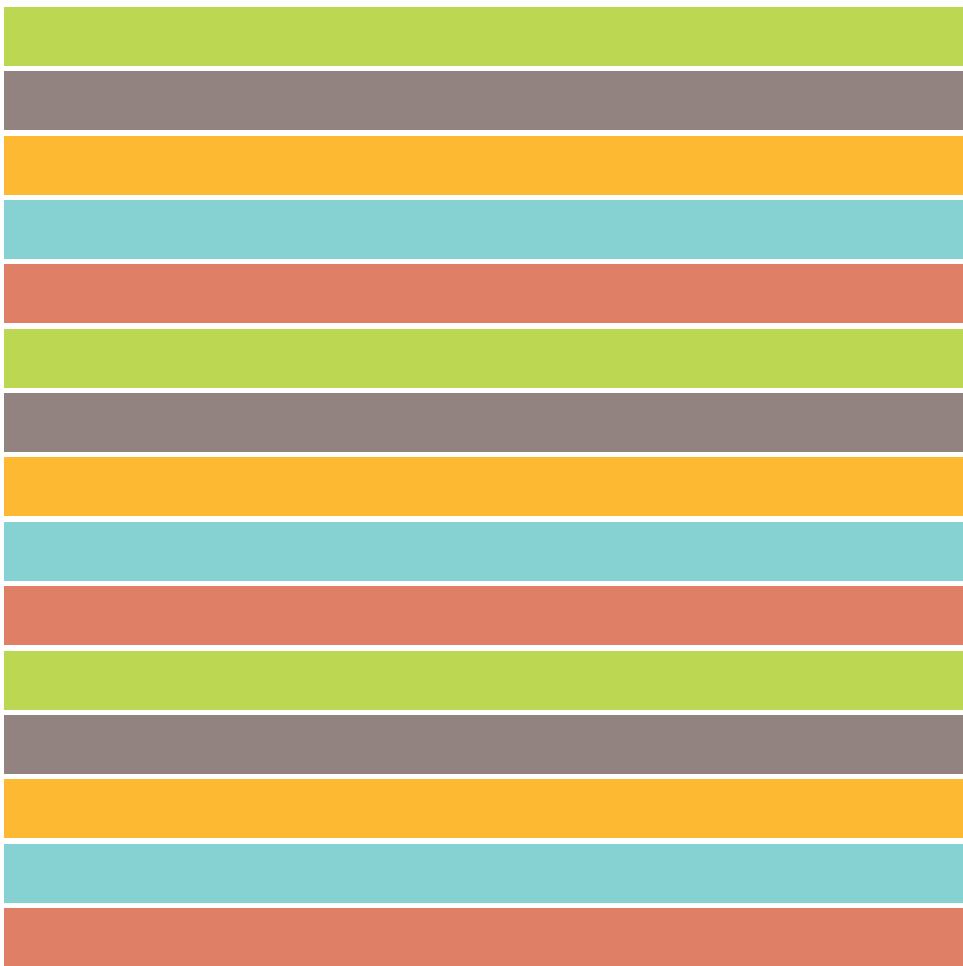


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**GREEN
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Ever Dream of traveling the world? Chances are the food you eat, the clothes you wear and the bag you carry your books in already have. Most things sold in the United States were made in far away countries. Often times they were made without protecting the environment or the people who made them. Do you know who designed and built the home you live in? Who designed your city and all of it's buildings, roads and parks? Could you do a better job than they did? In the "Green Market" learning unit, members will discover the origin of goods and materials and how their manufacturing and travel impacts the environment. Members will also learn how they can become the next generation of scientists, engineers, planners and artists that will transform our cities into thriving, sustainable urban neighborhoods.



GET INVOLVED!

THE DON MOYER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM thrives and succeeds by community relationships. Campus and community leaders become teachers, mentors and environmental champions by sharing their knowledge with club members.

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