

OUTREACH

TAKE ACTION ACTIVITIES Conservation Discovery School Program



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1. GET INVOLVED, "TAKE ACTION"

We want to encourage you to "Take Action!" You can make a difference to conservation by taking on an issue or problem you and working to find solutions. There are plenty of ways you can "Take Action" and we want to help you.

Please visit our website at www.crossconservation.org , follow the "conservation links" tab on the left of the page and click on "take action." Here you will discover action projects perfect for your class and your family!

TELL US ABOUT IT



You made a difference! Let us know what actions you have taken to reduce your Eco Footprint. Send us a paragraph and a couple of pictures and your actions could be highlighted on our website to inspire others!

Send your submissions by email to: info@crossconservation.org
Note: any pictures sent in should have media consent.

2. "PICK A PROJECT" DONATION

Objective

This will assist students in understanding that they can take positive action in conservation. It will also assist teachers in developing student values with respect to the environment. * **Note:** This donation program is entirely optional.

Procedure

- 1) Describe the Cross Donation and its ongoing conservation effort.
- 2) Tell the students you will be visiting this natural area and it is important that it be preserved for future education. Describe our Pick a Project Donation Program and ask them to Pick a Project they think they would like to financially support.

Sample projects could be: purchasing a class set of magnifying glasses, contributing funds to an ecological study on the area, or purchasing native grass seed for reclamation. Other specific projects will be discussed at the in-service prior to your visit.

- 3) Some fund-raising options could be:
 - Have each child make a small donation (\$1) to a collection
 - Hold a bake sale or car wash
 - Conduct a BOTTLE DRIVE, recycle and contribute to conservation at the same time!
 - Sell artwork, poetry, cards made from experiences at the Cross Conservation Area.

- 4) For groups that find time or money to be a concern, consider a donation of a service on the visit day. For example, arranging to have the whole class help out with the area, (e.g., cleaning up after themselves before returning to school, picking up garbage on the trail, or growing some native plants in the classroom and returning to transplant them here).
- 5) This activity is not meant solely as a fund-raiser, but as a means to encourage students to become actively involved in a conservation effort and to enhance the area for future visits.
- 6) Have the students prepared to make a presentation of their donation to area staff on the visit day. This will give us a chance to personally thank the students. We will give each class a special certificate as a small token of our appreciation. If you make a donation after your visit, we will send you the certificate to your class.