



EnviroKids' Club, c/o National Weather Service  
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Spokane, WA 99224

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**EnviroKids'...caring for the Earth.**

EnviroKids' Club is a way for you to team up with other kids in Spokane County -- exploring all aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage & recycling, plants & animals, and you & your environment.

EnviroKids' Club members will receive an activity in the mail four times a year. Complete the activity on the back of this page and return it to the Club Headquarters (address and form below) and you will earn points towards a special prize. The EnviroKids' Club is for children in grades K-6, who live in Spokane County.

MAIL COMPLETED ACTIVITY BY **FEBRUARY 27, 2009** TO: EnviroKids' Club, c/o National Weather Service, 2601 N. Rambo Rd., Spokane, WA 99224

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to participate in EnviroKids' Club activities and to have name/picture used in ads/website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature and Date

EnviroKids' Club Partners:  
American Lung Association of WA, Gonzaga University, National Weather Service, National Wildlife Federation, Spokane Aquifer Joint Board, Spokane County Water Resources, Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, Spokane Regional Solid Waste System, WA Department of Ecology, and West Valley Outdoor Learning Center.

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**Web of Life...** Man did not weave the web of life - he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." Chief Seattle, 1854.

**ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED.**

The sun heats the air and the earth causing the air to move which causes weather. The forces of weather (wind, rain, and ice) break down rocks which form soil. Plants grow in the soil with help from the sun and rain. Some animals eat the plants and some animals eat other animals. Animals often use plants to build their houses.

Animals and plants need water to live. All living things eventually die and decompose to fertilize (provide nutrients to) the soil. Decomposition is nature's way to recycle.

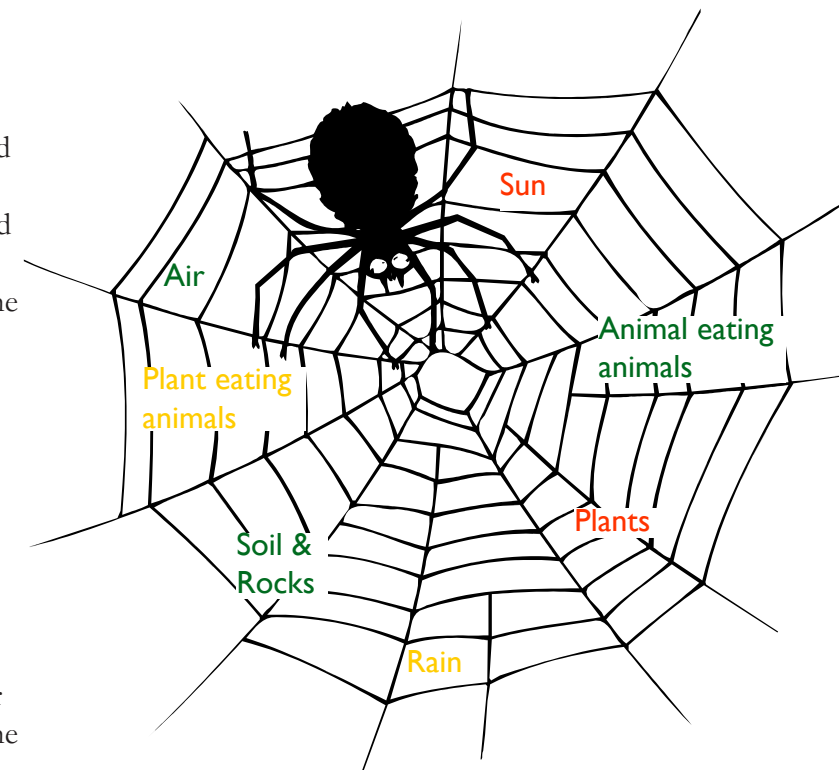
All of these interconnections look like a spider's web - commonly called the web of life. Everything needs each other.

What humans do in our daily lives also affects the web of life.

Did you know some spooky Halloween creatures play a very important role in the web of life, just like you?

**SPIDERS**

Spiders and their webs are part of Halloween because their webs feel creepy when we touch them. Some people are afraid of spiders, but spiders are very helpful



in our yards and gardens. They eat many of the insects that damage our plants.

**BATS**

Sometimes bats can seem scary, but they are very unique animals and make up 25% of all mammals on earth. Bats are the only mammals that can fly, and they spend most of their time hanging upside down. Most bats are nocturnal, awake at night and asleep in dark caves, crevices or even under bridges during the day. Bats have good vision and great hearing, but since they hunt at night, many bats use sound waves to find their food, rather than their eyes.

There are over 900 different species of bats. Each species is a different size - some as small as a candy, other's

with a wingspan of six feet. Different species live in different parts of the world and eat different types of food. Many eat insects - some eat fruit, nectar, even fish and birds.

Bats are much like people, where they only have one baby (pup) a year. But, people are also the greatest threat to bats by destroying their habitat. Twelve species of bats are listed as endangered.

**WEBSITE!**

EnviroKids has a new web site [www.SpokaneEnviroKids.org](http://www.SpokaneEnviroKids.org) and an email address, [envirokids@gmail.com](mailto:envirokids@gmail.com). Did you know that the internet is called the world wide web (WWW) because of how the internet connects everyone in the world like the web of life and a spider's web?

# Community Calendar

Want to learn more about the environment and what you can do to help protect it? Attend one (or all) of these community events - where there will be a lot of hands-on activities for you to look, feel and learn!

## October

- 18** 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Fall Leaf Festival Finch Arboretum Free  
Learn how to compost and visit EnviroKids' partner agencies for fun activities.
- 21** Deadline to enter Spokane Regional Solid Waste System Poster Contest  
For details on the free recycling poster contest and release form, visit [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org).
- 25** 10 a.m.- noon EnviroKids' Tree Planting South Hill (Freya & 35th) Free  
EnviroKids' Club members can volunteer to plant trees in a South Hill neighborhood, in partnership with the Spokane County Conservation District and the neighborhood council. Pre-registration and permission slips are required.
- 27** Poster Contest Display RiverPark Square  
Display of Spokane Regional Solid Waste's recycling poster contest finalists. Display runs through November 17.

## November

- 11** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. America Recycles Day Mobius Kids (808 W. Main) Admission Fee  
Hands on activities to see how the web of recycling is all connected: make recycled paper, do a trash sort, examine cans and magnets, make a mobius strip (the recycling symbol), and more. Normal admission charges apply.

## January

- 30** 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. I Love Clean Air Day Mobius Kids (808 W. Main) Admission Fee  
Come learn about air, weather and how air pollution can effect your health at the 4th Annual "I Love Clean Air" event at Mobius. Kids Club members show their member card and can receive \$1 off regular admission.



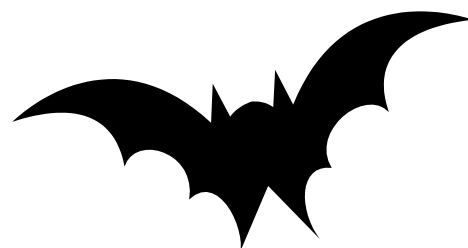
## EnviroKids' Points and Prizes!

You can earn points for participating in each EnviroKids' activity. Whether it's visiting the EnviroKids' booths at community events, or completing the activities in the mailer, you will earn points that you can redeem for a COOL EnviroKids' Club prize.

- 20 points — Recycled notebook or seed packets
- 50 points — Recycled yo-yo or recycled piggy bank
- 100 points — Bird feeder or rain gauge
- 150 points — Weather radio (limited supply)
- 200 points — A live owl presentation to your church, school or other group (limited supply)

Look at the mailing label on this newsletter. You will see a number by your name. That is the number of points you have earned by participating in EnviroKids' Club activities. Here's an example of what the mailing address looks like, and where you can find your prize points number.

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1010 Environmental Ave,  
Spokane, WA, 99201



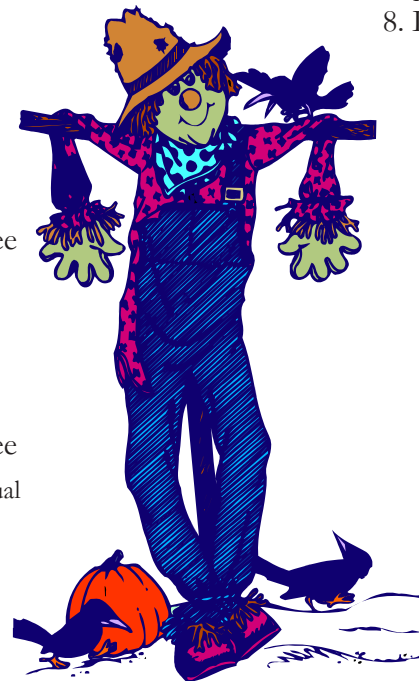
## Leaf Prints

This is a fun project you can do spring, summer and fall. Email a photograph of your art to [envirokids@gmail.com](mailto:envirokids@gmail.com) to earn points!

### You will need:

Newspaper White paper  
Tempera paint Leaves

- Go outside and collect some leaves.
- Spread out newspaper on the table.
- Pick a leaf from your collection and find the side where the veins are raised.
- Paint the leaf.
- Press the painted side of the leaf on the white paper.
- Carefully lift the leaf.
- Repeat as often as you want.
- Lay printed paper(s) on newspaper to dry.



## Edible Spooooky Spiders

This a great treat to make with your family to celebrate Halloween! Email EnviroKids' a photo of your delicious treats, [envirokids@gmail.com](mailto:envirokids@gmail.com) to earn points.

### Ingredients:

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips 1 tablespoon butter  
50 marshmallows Small pretzel sticks  
1 package mini M&M's or Reese's Pieces Parchment paper

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Break pretzel sticks in half. Poke these into the flat side of a marshmallow so that there is three on each of the two sides. These are the legs of your spider. Melt chocolate chips with the butter in a double boiler. Dip the marshmallows spiders and coat them with the chocolate using a spoon. Place on the cookie sheet, put on two mini candies for eyes and allow to cool.

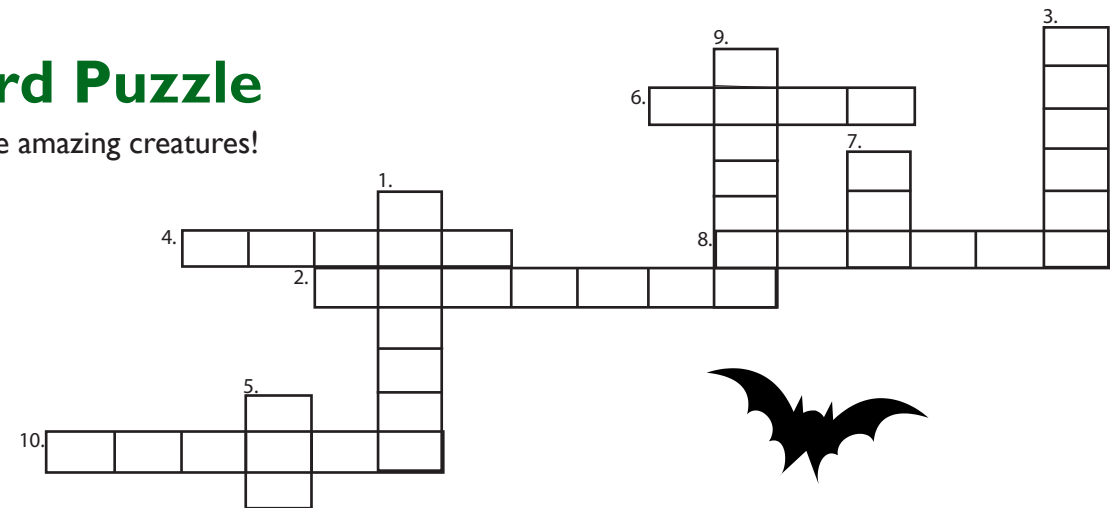
## Bat Crossword Puzzle

Test your knowledge of these amazing creatures!



### Down:

- Some bats have evolved a very good sense of \_\_\_\_.
- The greatest threat to bats is \_\_\_\_.
- The largest bats have a \_\_\_\_ foot wingspan.
- Bats bare only \_\_\_\_ offspring a year.
- Most bats eat \_\_\_\_ however some eat fruit, nectar, fish, birds, lizards and frogs.



### Across:

- Bats make up a quarter of all \_\_\_\_.
- Bats find shelter in \_\_\_\_, crevices, tree cavities and buildings.
- The bodies of the smallest bats are no more than an \_\_\_\_ long.
- How many species of bat are listed endangered?
- Bats are the only mammals capable of \_\_\_\_.

