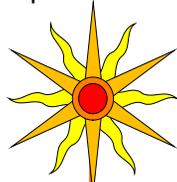




Summer Fun, Under the Sun



During Summer, it's fun to go camping, hiking, and boating. While we enjoy the outdoors, we also have to remember that we share it with plants and animals. Plants and animals need clean air to stay healthy. Animals need to live near a water source, such as a river, stream, lake or pond. This is because animals, like people, need water to live. If our trash and waste get into the water it can harm the animals and even ourselves! You and your family can help make sure we protect our natural resources! When outdoors, be sure to dispose of waste properly "Pack In, Pack Out", leave what you find, respect wildlife, and be considerate of other visitors.



3 R's; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Remember, "low impact" while enjoying the outdoors.



Camping: Keep a bag at your campsite to collect recyclables if a recycling bin is not available.

Hiking: Take a reusable water bottle instead of a disposable one.

Boating: Don't litter in the water! Take trash to the shore and put in proper containers.



Summer Weather

How to stay safe during thunder and lightning storms!

Summer is the time of the year to enjoy the outdoors, but it is important to keep an eye to sky and stay alert to changes in the weather. Thunderstorms can develop quickly in the afternoon and produce lightning, heavy rain, hail and wind. It is important to find a safe place when you see lightning or hear thunder, either in a building or a vehicle.



When thunder roars, go indoors! Stop all activities. Do not stand under a tree or stay in the water when a thunderstorm is approaching.

Did you know you can judge how far away a storm is by counting the seconds between the lighting and the thunder? The more you count, the farther away the storm is. If you can count to 30 or more, it's usually safe to go back outside.

Campfires

Campfires are great for cooking dinner and roasting marshmallows. If you build a fire outdoors, make sure to only burn dry, seasoned wood, and never burn garbage.

Microscopic smoke particles can affect everyone who breathes it!

Have you every wondered why smoke from the campfire always seems to follow you?

You move to the right and it gets you. So you move to the left and it gets you! But why?



Fire takes in air from all sides. When you sit in front of the fire, the flames suck in the air between you and it. This leaves a vacuum. The smoke will quickly fill this vacuum. When you move out of the way, the same thing happens - more smoke!

*Jump into fun
at the
EnviroKids'
Club
Cabana!*

*Decorate your own
reusable lunch sack.
Aug. 11, 11am-5pm*



Community Calender

August

11 Kids Day @ Riverfront Park, Free
11 am - 5 pm See ad on the left for more info.

September

7-16 Interstate Fair, Admission fee

- 9/7 Water Quality Plinko -Fun hands-on activity about water quality.
- 9/9 Make Recycled Paper – take your own piece of recycled paper home!
- 9/10 Hands-on, fun, clean air activity
- 9/11 Natural Disasters -Learn how to prepare activity
- 9/12 Hands-on conservation activity
- 9/13 Build your own edible beaver dam
- 9/14 Saving energy is a SNAP!
- 9/15 Visit Aqua Duck, make your own EnviroStars bracelet and discover all the things you can do to protect our land, air, and water.

Keep Our Lakes Clean:

- Go slowly in your boat. Big wakes erode shorelines.
- Never dump wastes into a storm drain. Storm sewers run to aquifers, rivers and lakes.
- If you fish, consider putting away your lead sinkers and jigs and switching to non-toxic tackle.
- Wash your car on the grass or gravel instead of the street or driveway, or take it to a car wash.
- Don't use the lake as a bathtub. Soaps and shampoos contain chemicals that are harmful to the lake and organisms living in it.

Fact: Wind, Rain, and snow storms are sometimes called scrubbers because they help clear out the air pollution!

Chocolate Banana Recipe:

Peel one section of a banana, leaving the peel attached at the bottom. Slice out one half of a length of this banana. Sprinkle in chocolate chips, caramel pieces, marshmallows, butterscotch sauce -- anything that sounds yummy alongside a banana. Cover the banana back up with the peel.

Wrap in foil and place at the edge of a fire or in dying embers. Once the banana is heated and the additions are melted, take off, let cool a few minutes and open back up. Eat with a spoon and enjoy!



Listen to the Rain!

This summer, you can make it sound like rain anytime you want with a rain stick. Here's how to make a musical rain stick:

Supplies:

- Paper Towel roll
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons
- Tape
- Construction paper scraps
- Push pin or large gauge needle
- Glue
- Toothpicks (50+)
- Scissors
- Cutting pliers
- 1-2 tablespoons of dry rice, beans, beads, or pebbels.



Directions:

1. Use colored pencils, markers, crayons ect. to decorate paper towel roll.
2. **Using pins or needles can be dangerous. Please have a grown up do this step! Have an adult poke many holes in the paper towel roll using pushpin and needle. Holes need to be large enough for toothpicks.
3. Push toothpicks through one hole and out another. When you're done, you shouldn't be able to clearly see through the paper towel roll.
4. Put a dab of glue on each toothpick end. Allow the toothpick ends to dry.
5. Using cutting pliers, snip the sharp ends off the toothpicks.
6. When glue is dry, trace the ends of the tube on scrap paper, make 4 circles and cut them out.
7. Tape two circles to the bottom of the tube. Make sure to seal the end with tape.
8. Pour rice, beans, beads ect. into the tube
9. Tape other end with the other two circles, make sure it's completely sealed.
10. Turn your 'Rain Stick' over gently to hear the sound of falling rain!

Summer Fun Crossword Puzzle

Use the picture clues to solve the crossword puzzle.



Across:

3.) You can't see me, but you can feel me!



5.) I'm created from fire and bad for your heart and lungs



9.) Exercise outdoors



10.) I'm bright and followed by a big boom!



Down:

1.) Water is needed for this activity



2.) Outdoor activity



4.) Taking old discarded materials and making other new products from them



6.) I'm big and tall



7.) I'm hot, don't touch me!



8.) There are lots of us, please be nice to our home

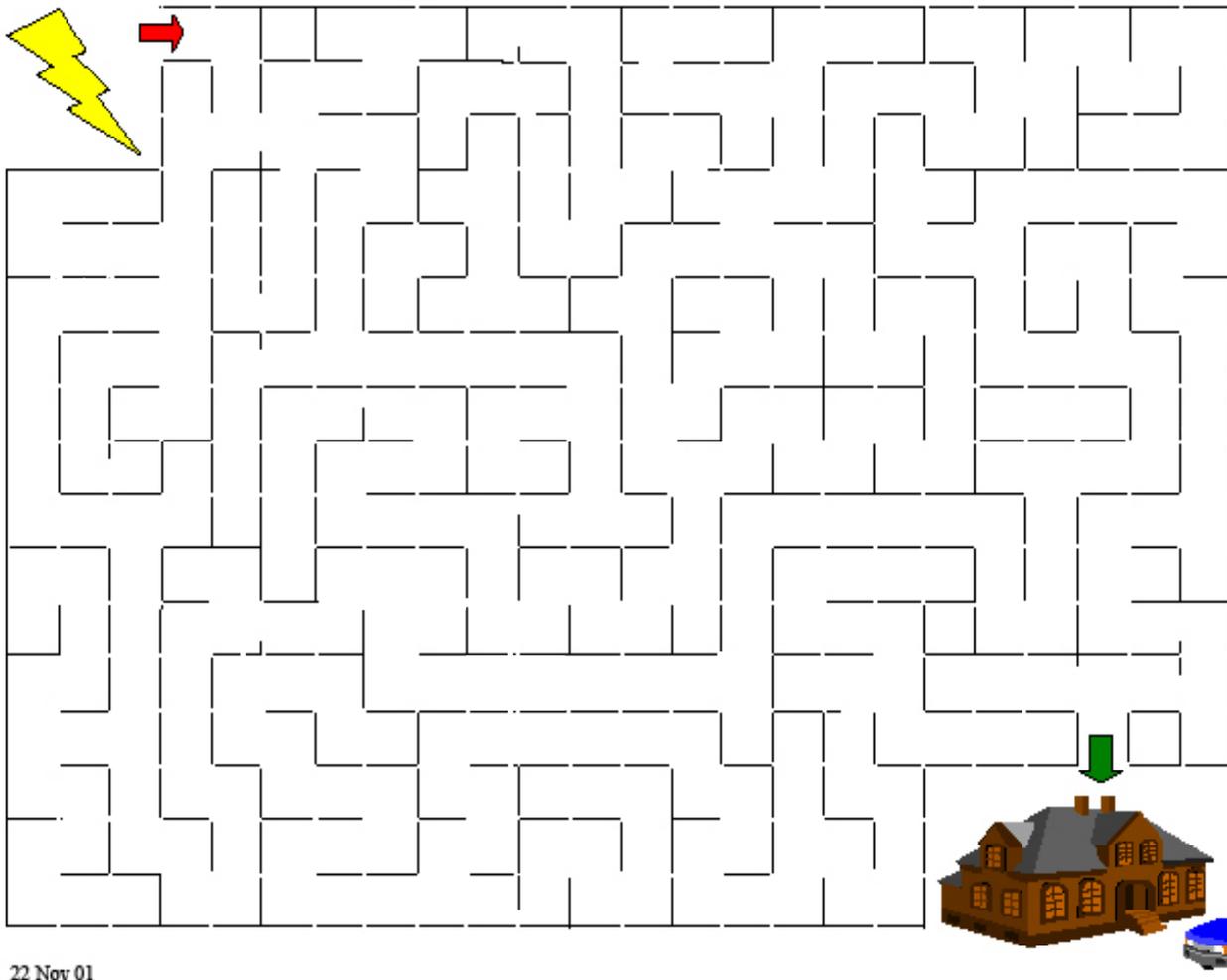


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Flee From the Dangerous Lightning Bolt! Find your way to Safe Shelters through the Maze.

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EnviroKids'... caring for the Earth

EnviroKids' Club provides its 300+ members with information and activities to explore aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage and recycling, plants and animals. The Club is open to all Spokane County residents who are in grades K-6.

Club members receive a newsletter in the mail four times a year. The newsletter contains activities to complete and ideas for activities at home or in the community. Members who are interested can complete activities and/or participate in some of the events to earn points. Earned points can then be used to trade-in for prizes. **Members need to participate in at least one activity per year to receive newsletters.** For more information, visit www.spokaneenvirokidsclub.org.

To earn points, mail the completed activities

page and this page by Sept. 30, 2012 to: EnviroKids' Club c/o National Weather Service
2601 N. Rambo Rd. Spokane, WA 99224

Complete the activities in the newsletter, fill in this form and send it back to us to earn your points! Do you have a friend or sibling who would like to join Envirokids' Club? Copy this page for them to send in and be added to our mailing list.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

My child has permission to participate in EnviroKids' Club activities that I accompany him/her to and permission is granted to use his/her photo that may be taken at such event, for promoting the Club (newsletter, flyers, ads, website, etc.)

Parent Signature. Please print name, then sign and date

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