



Guidelines for Group Leaders

- It is important for each child to complete at least one Next Step for each activity in order to get it signed off.
- Start with the Create a nature journal activity first. Then have the children make entries in their journals about the other activities as they complete them.
- The activities can be modified for local implementation. For example: Build a Bee Condo and Study Insects could be combined into one outdoor activity to study bee behavior and nests.
- Activities can be adjusted to work for the group. For example: Read about an endangered species could be changed to Report to the group about an endangered species.
- The blank activity can be used as a replacement or bonus activity. These can be developed by the leader or by the group of children.
- In most cases, some of the activities will be completed in the group setting and the rest will be completed at home with an adult initialing the activity.
- Although it is desired that all the activities to be completed to earn a patch, leaders may reduce the requirement, if necessary.
- Patches can be awarded individually as booklets are completed or at award ceremonies at the end of the group's session (year, semester, camp, etc.)
- Children may want more than one patch for shirts, backpacks, etc. Additional patches may be ordered by the leader or child for \$3 each postpaid at <http://savingnaturenow.org/greenteam/materials/>
- Leaders may find local sponsors to pay for booklets and patches. For help with this, contact info@savingnaturenow.org
- As you go through the activities with your group, you may come up with ideas to improve an activity or the resources listed for each one. You may also think of new activities or themes for new booklets. Please pass those ideas on to us: info@savingnaturenow.org
- The suggested Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for each activity are available online at <http://savingnaturenow.org/greenteam/ngss/>
- If the Saving Nature Now - Green Team program worked well for your group, consider doing follow-on booklets available at <http://savingnaturenow.org/greenteam/>
- We'd love to hear about your successes with the Saving Nature Now – Green Team program! You can send stories and pictures to info@savingnaturenow.org for inclusion on our website: <http://savingnaturenow.org> and in the Facebook group: Saving Nature Now – Green Team.

Thank you for empowering our youth to take actions that directly help nature and encourage sustainable living.