

Troop Meetings Made Easy

5 Activities to Start Your Girl Scout Year



1. Origami Paper Craft

- a. Utilize the origami polar bears inside of each girl fall sale packet. Girls can make a cute mommy polar bear and baby. Not only is this activity a great way to introduce the fall sale, but it's also a way to earn regular Girl Scout patches and try-its.

2. Junk Jewelry

- a. Consult page 5 of the Be A Reader Activity Booklet
- b. Use old bottle caps, tops to milk jugs, or plastic bottle caps to make your own jewelry
 - i. All you need is twine, glue, an old button and a bottle cap of any kind

3. Paper Making

- a. Visit <http://gsorders.ashdonfarms.com> for complete instructions on how to make your own paper
- b. You will need: blender, paper that you want to recycle, water, 2 teaspoons of starch if you want to write on the paper, wire, screen, basin, towel, sponge, iron, wax paper, crayons and a vegetable peeler



4. Eco Trek across America

- a. Use your Address Adventure map to answer questions about 10 different green spots across the US
- b. Create a list of ways that your troop can "Go Green" – from simple steps like turning off lights when you leave a room to starting a recycling program at your school
- c. What are some things that your community is doing to help with the Green initiative?

5. Build a Mini-Greenhouse

- a. Try this experiment to see how greenhouse gases overheat the atmosphere
- b. You will need: 1 cup soil, a large drinking glass, plastic wrap, a rubber band and two thermometers
 - i. See page 8 of the Be A Reader Activity Booklet for more details



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