



Community Service Learning

Helping To Reduce Pollution

The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore) by Stan and Jan Berenstain begins with the Bear family reading an article about pollution in Bear County. Mama and the cubs are very interested in the article and what their friend, Professor Actual Factual, who is quoted in the article, has to say about pollution. Papa, on the other hand, dismisses the professor's argument, saying that Bear Country doesn't have a pollution problem. Brother and Sister decide to visit Professor Actual Factual to get help on Brother's homework report on endangered species. The professor takes the cubs on a tour of Bear Country, and they see many pollution and environmental problems throughout the area. The cubs decide that they want to do something to help reduce pollution, so they invite Professor Actual Factual to their school to talk about pollution and they decide to start an Earthsavers Club. Eventually, Papa realizes that Bear Country does in fact need to reduce pollution and he decides to do his part to help. *The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore)* is available from local libraries, Barnes and Noble, Borders, etc.

Discussion Questions to complete after you read *The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore)*:

1. Why Professor Actual Factual say that the Bears were endangered species? What is an endangered species?
2. At the beginning of the story, why didn't Papa Bear think that pollution was a problem in Bear Country? Did he feel differently by the end of the story?
3. The cubs came up with a few good ideas for reducing pollution. Can you think of other ways to reduce pollution?



Here are Some Ideas for Cutting Down on Trash (from the book *The Great Trash Bash*):

1. Use dishes instead of disposable cups and plates.
2. Keep junk mail for scrap paper.
3. Buy products made from recycled materials.
4. Avoid buying products with several layers of packaging.
5. Repair broken items instead of buying new ones.
6. Buy beverages in returnable bottles.
7. Reuse a large envelope by attaching a new address label.
8. Save glass, metal, paper, cartons, and plastic to recycle.
9. Pick up litter on roadsides.
10. Encourage parents to use cloth diapers - (disposable diapers fill up landfills).
11. Donate extra clothes and toys to charity.
12. Buy new products only if you really need them.
13. Don't waste paper.

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Reflection: Can you think of any community service activities that you could do to help reduce pollution, such as cleaning up a park or riverbed? Do you think you will be able to reduce the amount of trash you produce by following the suggestions listed in this packet? What else could you do to help reduce pollution?

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