

Mission Conservation Activities

Ocean Appreciation

Below are a few fun activities you can do for Ocean Appreciation!

INDOOR

Paper Plate Puffer Fish

Supplies:

- Small paper plate
- Toothpicks
- Yellow and orange paint (you can use just one color if you prefer)
- Yellow glittered craft foam (you can use regular craft foam if you can't find the glitter variety)
- Googly eyes
- Paintbrushes
- White glue
- Black Marker
- Scissors

What to do:

- Paint the plate with a mix of orange and yellow craft paint and let dry completely.
- Cut out two small fins from the yellow glittered craft foam and glue them to the back sides of the plate. Glue one on each side on the plate.
- Glue two googly eyes to the front center of the plate. Place them a little bit above the center of the plate, so you have room to draw a mouth too.
- Cut a bunch of toothpicks in half.
- Glue the toothpicks all over the front and edges of the plate to make it into a pufferfish!
- Then use a black marker to draw a mouth on the pufferfish and give it some personality!

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OUTDOOR

Recycling Colors

Grab your mobile device and head outdoors.

Supplies:

- Cell phone

What to do:

- Go outside and walk around. See what trash you can find.
- Continue to gather as much trash as you can.
- Once you are done, sort the trash by color and create your very own color wheel.
 - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet
- Once you have created your artwork, you can take a picture of your artwork and then begin recycling it! This is an excellent way for you to help your environment!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Panama Jack's 6 Ways to Teach Your Kids About Ocean Conservation:

Panama Jack has created ways to teach your kids about ocean conservation. There are things that YOU can do to help the ocean and the animals that inhabit it. It is important to start educating while your kids are young to create that habit, however, it is never too late to start!

1: The More You Know: Talk about it, learn about it, and then you will be able to help. Go to your local aquarium and learn about the animals and what actions people are taking to conserve them.

2: Volunteer for a Beach Clean-up: Although not everyone lives by the beach, there are things you can do at home that help. Like cleaning up the trash out of your local rivers and streams.

3: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Replace your single-use items! That is one way to cut back on your ecological footprint! Recycling is something that sounds like a lot of extra work and money, but did you know, there are local recycling centers that are FREE to use? Check out what you have in your area and start recycling today. Another way to lower your ecological footprint is to donate your clothing instead of throwing it away. Although it may be torn, the fabric will still be able to be used by others and that is one less thing in the land fill!

4: Boat Blue: Discover the "Green Boating Guide" to learn about what initiatives can be taken while using a boat!

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5: Respect Marine Life: Let wildlife stay wild! When you are out near wildlife, you can admire them from a distance, but leave them be.

6: Sustainable Seafood: This is a movement that ensures good management of ecosystems that provides seafood that we eat. They are trying to overcome overfishing practices. This is a reason why a lot of fish populations are down.