



Champions for Nature

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Champions for Nature helps you understand and protect natural resources. You'll learn where wastewater goes, dig into soil, and look at what affects the air. Then you'll help with a project to care for nature.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/champions-for-nature-bear/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

☐ 1 Learn about natural resources

Tip: Make a list of natural resources you use every day, like water, wood, and air.

Example: Natural resources include water, soil, trees, air, sunlight, and the plants and animals around us. Pick one and notice every way your family uses it in a day.

☐ 2 Find out what happens to wastewater in your community

Tip: Ask your city or a treatment plant what happens to water after it goes down the drain.

Example: In many towns, wastewater flows through sewer pipes to a treatment plant, where it's cleaned before going back to a river. Many homes in the country use a septic tank instead.

☐ 3 Investigate soil

Tip: Dig up a bit of soil and look closely with a magnifying glass. What do you see?

Example: After your soil jar settles, look for layers: sand on the bottom, then silt, then clay, with bits of plants floating on top. Then look for worms and bugs in a shovelful of dirt.

☐ **4 Investigate air pollution**

Tip: Talk about what makes air dirty, like smoke and car exhaust, and ways to help.

Example: Check today's air quality with your adult on AirNow, or wipe a white cloth on a dusty windowsill. Talk about how car exhaust, smoke, and factories affect the air.

☐ **5 Take part in a conservation project**

Tip: Join a cleanup, plant trees, or help a nature center with a project.

Example: Help plant trees in a park, pull weeds at a nature center, or pick up litter along a creek with your den. Then talk about how the place might look in a year.