



Green² Troops: Animal Observer

Purpose: Learn to watch, listen to, and understand animals while leaving no waste behind.

Girl-Led Focus: Girls choose which animals to observe, decide how to record their findings, and lead group sharing.

Waste-Free Commitment: Use found/natural materials, reuse supplies, and avoid single-use plastics or printed paper when possible.

Step 1 – Be an Animal Observer

Goal: Practice looking and listening for animals in your environment.

Waste-Free Activity Ideas:

- **Observation Walk:** Take a short walk around your meeting space, backyard, or park. Girls use their eyes, ears, and noses to notice animals or signs of animals (tracks, feathers, nests).
- **Found Object Binoculars:** Make pretend binoculars from toilet paper rolls collected ahead of time (secure with string or ribbon you already have — no tape or glue if possible). Decorate with crayons or markers you already own.

Girl-Led Option: Let each girl decide where to explore first & which senses to use most (sight, sound,)

Step 2 – Play an Animal Observation Game

Goal: Learn animal facts through fun, movement-based games.

Waste-Free Activity Ideas:

- **Camouflage Hide & Seek:** One girl “hides” as an animal while others close eyes and count. She tries to blend in with surroundings — indoors or outdoors.
- **Animal Charades:** Girls act out an animal’s movements or sounds, others guess.
- **Sound Safari:** Play recordings or imitate wildlife sounds and have girls guess the animal.

Girl-Led Option: Girls vote on which game(s) to play and can make their own rules.

Step 3 – Focus on One Animal

Goal: Learn more about one animal you like and share it with your troop or family.

Waste-Free Activity Ideas:

- **Nature Drawing:** Use scrap paper or the backs of used sheets to draw the animal and label features (color, size, home, diet).
- **Story Time:** Girls tell a short made-up story about their animal and how it lives in nature.
- **Verbal Presentation:** No materials — just share 3 cool facts about the animal.

Girl-Led Option: Girls choose their animal and decide how to share it (story, drawing, fact-sharing).

At-Home with Family Component

Goal: Share what you've learned and inspire your family to notice animals.

Waste-Free Ideas:

- **Neighborhood Animal Log:** Go for a walk with your family and write/draw the animals you see.
 - **Kitchen Wildlife Watch:** Observe from a window — birds at a feeder, squirrels in a tree — and discuss with family members.
 - **Family Nature Game:** Teach them the animal charades or sound safari game.
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Reflection & Green² Check

Ask:

- “What was your favorite animal we saw or learned about?”
- “How can we help keep animals safe and healthy?”
- “Did we make any trash today? If yes, how can we avoid it next time?”

Green² Approval:

Reused or natural materials

No single-use plastics

Girl Led