



Fontenelle Forest Nature Center
1111 North Bellevue Blvd., Bellevue, NE 68005-4000
Phone: (402) 731- 3140, Fax: (402) 731-2403
www.fontenelleforest.org

*Welcome to the natural world of Fontenelle Forest and Neale Woods Nature Centers!
Below is a guide to pre and post field trip activities that you can do with your students either indoors or on your school grounds. These fun activities will greatly enhance your students' field trip experience. We look forward to your students' arrival and are excited to provide them with a fun and educational experience.
If you have any questions, please call us at 731-3140.*

Renew or Not?

The following activities meet Nebraska state standards 4.2.1 and 4.3.1

1) Renewable or Non-renewable: That is the Question.

Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the renewable and non-renewable objects in their school.

Time: 1 hour

Directions:

1. Divide the class into teams.
2. Have each team find five items. The space in which the students can look is unique to each school. If possible, allow the students to pull objects from the entire school for a more dramatic effect.
3. Once the items are in the classroom, mark any item that needs to be returned to someone.
4. Randomly place the items in a line.
5. Ask the students to form a straight line.
6. Place a renewable sign at the front of the classroom on the left side and a non-renewable sign on the right side.
7. Take turns picking an item and placing it in the renewable or non-renewable pile.
8. Notice which pile is larger.

Discussion:

Can an item be in both categories?

How can we cut back on using non-renewable resources?

2) Start a recycling club at your school.

Goal: Students will learn the importance of becoming good stewards of our resources.

Directions:

1. Designate an area where the recyclables will be kept.
2. Determine if the waste management company that picks up the school's trash also picks up recycling.

3. If rewards points are given for recycling, use this money to plant a tree on the school grounds.

3) The U.S. Department of Energy has a website with activities:
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/kids/>

4) Renewable or Not?

Activity found in the Project Learning Tree guide, page 45