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READY'S RECYCLE NEWS



Safari Junction Helps You Recycle For A Cause!

Safari Junction, Home of Valley Exotics offers hands on interactive and educational animal encounters. Safari Junction is family owned and operated by Jamie and Dianna Beneke, lifetime residents of Preble County. Jamie and Dianna, along with their 3 children, Jake, Wyatt and Zoey, pride themselves in providing an up close and personal experience with their animal ambassadors from all around the world. With kangaroos, camels, foxes, lemurs and much more, Safari Junction strives to provide the best educational opportunity to the public about well known and exotic animals, their habitats, their behaviors and their daily adventures.

After operating mobile animal displays for several years, Dianna encouraged Jamie to bring that same experience to a permanent animal park at their family home in Preble County. In the Fall of 2015 they took their vision before the county zoning board. Fearing they may get push back for the idea of a zoo, they reassured the board they had aspirations to have more of a park and educational facility atmosphere. The Beneke's gained unanimous approval to open Safari Junction to the public. With the help of family and close friends, along with the community support, Jamie and Dianna have created a one of a kind experience located just 2 miles south of Eaton, Ohio.

Want to help the animals at Safari Junction?

The public is invited to participate in a shoe drive to raise funds for habitats for the animal ambassadors of Safari Junction. Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted. The amount of money raised is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected. All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for profit social enterprise, and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

Why shoes? In the US alone, over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used and news shoes to Safari Junction your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference.

How can you help? Bring your gently used or new shoes to Safari Junction from July 15, 2018 to October 14, 2018. Bring them during business hours or call to schedule a time to drop them off. Ask your friends, family or co-workers if they have shoes to donate too!



“Nine Ways to Go Green” With Your Back to School Experience!

Back to school season prompts big spending—the average American family spends \$600 each fall on school supplies, new clothes, and college gear. Although we might be tempted to buy every item at Target's back to school sale or on Amazon, it's important to think about what we consume and how to head back to school with sustainability in mind.

1. DON'T CREATE MORE WASTE...

Before you head out to the local big box retailer, see what you already have in the house. Make sure to reuse school supplies that you already own. Every year, six billion pens are thrown away that still work—so make sure you don't have any functioning supplies lying around before you buy new ones.

2. ASK THE QUESTION—AM I REALLY GOING TO USE IT?

Before you buy a new

lunchbox or that 12-pack of glue sticks on sale, ask yourself if you are going to make 12 glue sticks worth of art projects. Being realistic about back to school needs will help reduce waste and unnecessary spending.

3. WHEN YOU BUY ITEMS, BUY REUSED OR RECYCLED...

Save trees and reduce pollution. There are tons of products easily available that are made from recycled materials, like recycled paper, notebooks and folders. Also, think about products that you can reuse and recycle, such as refillable pens and biodegradable pencils.

4. CLOTHES SHOPPING CAN ALSO BE GREEN...

Clothes shopping is a major part of our back to school consumption. Visit local stores that engage in reuse. In the Eaton area, there are thrift stores such as the Once Around Shop on Cherry Street and My

Arrow Princess, a consignment store on N. Barron Street. In nearby Richmond on National Road, there is the Goodwill store with tons of trendy, budget-friendly, gently used clothes. You might even find some popular name brands at a fraction of the price. Don't be shy in hitting those end of summer garage sales in your area as well for some potentially great deals!

5. BUY REUSED TECH...

If you need a new computer, phone, or iPad, consider buying refurbished ones on the internet from Best Buy, Ebay, or other similar sites. It's a great way to buy high-quality electronics without breaking the bank. You will also reduce landfill waste and decrease pollution. Plus most purchases will come with a 30-day money back guarantee and sometimes even a 90-day “we fix it or replace it” warranty.

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

– Robert Swan, Author

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle!

Nine Ways to Go Green” With Your Back to School Experience (Continued)

6. IF BUYING NEW, CONSIDER PRODUCTS WITH A LIFETIME WARRANTY...

Try websites such as Patagonia for backpacks and winter coats or Duluth Pack and Relan for messenger bags. This way, you'll have items that will last, which will not only reduce waste but be more cost-effective in the long run.

7. BE GREEN ON THE GO..

Whether you are traveling around campus or your kids are going to and from school, think about biking and walking as alternatives to driving every day. If biking or walking isn't an option, find another family that is willing to cooperate in a carpool!

8. FOR EVERY SCHOOL CHILD, THINK ABOUT LIVING IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE WAY...

- Use items with packaging that you can recycle or reuse.
- Have both recycling and trash in your room at home and at school.

- Buy used or rented books, if you must buy additional books for class. They're cheaper anyway!

9. CONTINUE GREEN PRACTICES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR...

Some simple practices can keep you engaged in sustainability all year long:

- Use your notebooks all the way through.
- Print on both sides of the paper.
- Recycle all paper and cardboard supplies, and compost your unused lunch items if possible
- Recycle old technology. The Preble County Solid Waste District operates an electronics collection trailer that is free to the public. You can drop off used laptops and desk tops, printers, monitors, fax machines, and other electronics during regular landfill hours which are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon (During the first Saturday in March through the last Saturday in November).

Simple practices can go a long way in helping reduce waste.

(Story adapted from a website selection at the following address: <https://www.techdum.org/9-tips-back-school-sustainability/>)



Recycling Song-

To the tune of:
"The More We Get Together"...

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Recycle, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
It's easy to do!

Cause your trash
And my trash
Make up way
Too much trash

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
It's easy to do!



"There is no such thing as 'away'. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere."

– Annie Leonard,
Proponent of
Sustainability



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Our Mission:

Preble County Solid Waste District is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management within Preble County, Ohio. We want to assure safe and sanitary disposal of solid waste for Preble County residents and reduce reusable or renewable waste from entering our landfill.

Recycling Questions???

Please go to our website or a full list of what can and cannot be accepted in our county's public drop-off recycling bins.



Make a Flower Pot Pen Bouquet



As school starts up there's no better time for students to get off to a fresh, fun, organized start. Here's a classic desk craft for style-minded students. These home-made pen bouquets put some fun into doing homework and they make for a lovely floral arrangement that will last for years! As an added bonus, you will create such distinctively decorated writing implements that organization will be easy—everyone in your home will know instantly where these pens belong!

What You Need:

- Plain 4" terracotta pot (without any dirt)
- Marbles or decorative pebbles to fill the pot to about 3/4" below the top rim
- Green florist's tape (smooth, mat plastic tape with sticky back, available at craft stores)
- Assorted silk flowers with stems
- Pack of 6 plain ball-point pens

What You Do:

1. Start with a plain ballpoint pen and remove the cap. Choose a silk or plastic flower— or a small bunch of them— clipping the stems so that there is at least 3" left.
2. Lay the flower stems along the top of the pen (the end furthest from the ball point) so that they seem to "blossom" from it. Starting at the top of the pen, hold the stems in place and wind the florist tape around the pen again and again, to make one firm green "stalk".
3. Repeat with several more pens, so that you have a pen "bouquet".
4. Pour the decorative pebbles into your 4" pot, leaving about 3/4" space between the top of the pebbles and the rim of the pot. Now "plant" your pens in the pot, so that they stand up attractively. They'll make a fabulous desk decoration, or even a gift for a friend getting ready for a great school year too!
(On: <https://www.education.com/activity/article/flower-pot-pen-holder/>)