

Educator Resources for Stay @ Home... from Kelly ~April 2020

- **From the Cornell Lab K-12 – All Cooped Up** – Finding ways to engage your child at home during school closures can be challenging. We're here to help! Use our weekly hands-on activities and quests to explore nature and science. A combination of indoor and outdoor activities will ease cabin fever. While being in nature has been shown to decrease stress and boost creativity, use your best judgment and follow local recommendations for being outside. <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/science-nature-activities-for-cooped-up-kids/>
- **Earth Day – is always April 22 – but it's celebrated every day in conservation!**
 - Help spread the word and get involved with ideas and live-stream events on **Think Earth** <https://thinkearth.org/> this site also has interactive games, lessons (k-4th grade) and ideas for Earth Day, recycling and environmental stewardship.
 - **Had to share! Free Earth Day Games, Activities, Puzzles and Coloring...** <http://www.thekidzpage.com/celebrationsforkids/earthday/index.html>
 - **Twelve PLT (Project Learning Tree) Ideas for a Nature Walk – Lesson** https://www.plt.org/educator-tips/nature-walk-activities?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april_branch_2020&utm_content=button
- **Ranger Rick – to the rescue!** <https://rangerrick.org/stuck-indoors/>

With schools, offices, and other public spaces closing across the country, we want to help you stay entertained and engaged in the natural world. So we are making our website free to all visitors through the end of June. We have also made the current digital editions of our magazines [free to the public](#) for the next few months.

And here's a tip for parents: We hope you'll take advantage of the activity ideas and student pages in our free monthly [Ranger Rick Educator's Guides](#) and [Ranger Rick Jr. Parent Reading Guides](#). Also for parents: Please stay tuned to our [Ranger Rick Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds. We will update them both each day with fresh ideas and activities.
- **Who doesn't love PBS?** This site has it all... for educators, parents, and students! Lessons, videos, handouts, and planning. All subjects and grades! It's a must check it out website! <https://ideastream.pbslearningmedia.org/>
- **Scholastic Learn at Home.** Offering free resources! Day by day resources to keep kids reading, thinking and growing! <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
- <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/education-and-outdoor-discovery/conservation-education-project-wild#tabr4> **This is the ODNR education page**, contains a one-stop shop for all thing's online education from the Division of Wildlife. Lots of great stuff on this website!
- The Environmental Education Team at Franklin Soil and Water have created '**SWIFTLETS**'. These mini SWIFT's (**Soil and Water Information for Teachers newsletter**) are being created weekly and encouraged to be shared with teachers and parents. The SWIFTLETS can be used by parents at home and include soil/water information, learning activities and a coloring page related to a weekly theme. Activities are aligned with Ohio's New Learning Standards for Earth and Space Sciences and Life Sciences.
SWIFTlets can be found here: <https://www.franklinswcd.org/swiftlets>

Hope you are all staying home, staying healthy and enjoying this beautiful Earth!
#EarthDay #LetsCelebrate #Earthdayeveryday #Conservation #Nature

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