

EARTH DAY 2020

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Activity/event	Organization	Website
Tackle Eco-challenges From Home	Earth Day Eco Challenge	https://earthday.ecochallenge.org
The international Earth Day Eco-Challenge site is working to sign up folks internationally to participate in behavior change and eco activities. Sign up individually, as a team to track your points on the leaderboard by participating in various challenges. Many of the eco-challenges listed can easily be done remotely, in your home or your neighborhood. You can also make up your own activities.		
Youth Climate Eco-Challenge	EcoChallenge.org & Drawdown.org	https://climate.ecochallenge.org/about/event-info
It features online learning and research, civic engagement, and community building. We encourage schools, local organizations, families, and friends to participate. The challenge runs April 15th – May 15th.		
Virtual Environmental Book Club		https://www.earthday.org/13-must-read-books-on-the-environment-and-climate-change/
Learn about a new environmental topic than read about it and discuss with your family or with a group of friends or colleagues. EarthDay.org has compiled a list of adult level books but there are many other lists out there to reference.		
24 Hour Earth Day Webinar	Sustainable Development Solutions Network	https://www.unsdsn.org/24hour-webinar
This is a world-wide webinar of sustainable development projects, 24 hours straight and streamed in 12 hour increments for various parts of the world. US time 12- hour period: Wed, Apr 22, 2020 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM PDT		
Explore & Document Local Biodiversity	City Nature Challenge	https://citynaturechallenge.org/participate/
Invented by citizen science staff at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (Lila Higgins) and California Academy of Sciences (Alison Young). The City Nature Challenge is an effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife (using your smart phone) in cities across the globe. Use their resources to document your local biodiversity in whatever way you can. By participating in the City Nature Challenge, not only do you learn more about your local nature, but you can also make your city a better place – for you and other species!		
Team up on Food Waste	Recycle Leaders	https://www.recycleleaders.com/projects/2020/3/23/lets-team-up-on-food-waste-home-for-earth-day

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<p>You are invited to join schools in the DC Metro area in taking action on climate for Earth Day 2020 from home while social distancing! Team Up on Food Waste @ Home is a fun 4-week remote competition that provides a structured way for individuals, students, and families to participate in the EPA's Get Smart Challenge (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-02/documents/get_smart_ftgtw_2_1_2016_pubnumberadded_508.pdf) on reducing food waste at home together.</p>		
<p>Sustainability Lessons & Activities</p>	<p>Center for Green Schools</p>	<p>https://learninglab.usgbc.org/programs/distance-and-home-learning-lessons-and-resources</p>
<p>Parents, grandparents, and teachers can all have fun with the newly launched resources on Learning Lab to support sustainability awareness and learning while away from school. Organized by grade level, it's easy to find lessons perfect for any age group.</p>		
<p>Virtual Field Trips</p>	<p>Discovery Education</p>	<p>https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/</p>
<p>Join live for new Virtual Field Trips or watch them on demand later. Each no-cost Virtual Field Trip comes with a companion guide packed with standards-aligned, hands-on learning activities!</p>		
<p>FREE At-home Earth day and other sustainability-focused activities</p>	<p>Project Learning Tree</p>	<p>https://www.plt.org/educator-tips/activities-to-do-with-children-at-home_plt.org/news/earth-day-2020/</p>
<p>Project Learning Tree, an award-winning conservation curriculum, has assembled a list of free family learning activities and Earth Day activities that can be completed at home—both inside and close-by in a safe space outside.</p>		
<p>Virtual Field Trip</p>	<p>Google Arts & Culture: The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks</p>	<p>https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks</p>
<p>Tour a National Park virtually! Fly over volcanoes, kayak through icebergs, swim through a coral reef, and trek through a cave as you discover the hidden world of our national parks.</p>		
<p>Fitness Breaks</p>	<p>Alliance for a Healthier Generation</p>	<p>https://www.healthiergeneration.org/resources/physical-activity/fitness-breaks</p>
<p>Take a fitness break with your favorite pro athlete. Play one-on-one with basketball star, Jewell Lloyd; show off your quick feet with soccer pro, Em Boateng; and more!</p>		
<p>Watch Environmental Films</p>	<p>The Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF)</p>	<p>https://dceff.org/watchnow/</p>

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<p>The Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF) is the world's premier showcase of environmentally themed films. Due to the current epidemic, all of this year's films are available online. This high-quality content seeks to celebrate Earth and inspire understanding and stewardship of the environment through the power of film.</p>		
At home waste-audit	Center for Green Schools Learning Lab platform	https://learninglab.usgbc.org/module/1037/995 and https://learninglab.usgbc.org/module/18099
<p>Learn what makes up the most trash in your house and how that can be improved. A waste audit tutorial and tracking documents can be provided for students and parents to do together at home.</p>		
Zero Waste Meal Ideas	Zero Waste Chef	https://zerowastechef.com/2018/05/02/15-creative-uses-food-scrap/
<p>While at home with your family, get creative with a number of recipes that utilize typically wasted food (leek tops/fruit peels/potato skins/etc). Consider making it a fun community event by hosting a virtual cooking class or enjoy your end product with friends over a video call.</p>		