



# Join in the Jamboree



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Rainforest

## Rainforest-Facts

- ❖ Rainforests once covered 14% of the earth's land surface – now it is only 6%
- ❖ One and a half acres of rainforest are lost every second! – that equates to 137 plant and animal species every day
- ❖ 25% of our pharmaceutical drugs are derived from rainforest plants
- ❖ The Amazon Rainforest is often called the 'lungs of the planet' as it recycles carbon dioxide and produces 20% of the World's Oxygen
- ❖ At least 80% of the developed world's diet originated in the tropical rainforest. Its bountiful gifts to the world include fruits like avocados, coconuts, figs, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, guavas, pineapples, mangos and tomatoes; vegetables including corn, potatoes, rice, winter squash and yams; spices like black pepper, cayenne, chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, sugar cane, tumeric, coffee and vanilla and nuts

## Beavers & Rainbows

- Using the template provided on the website print out the butterfly outlines, colour them in
- brightly using paint / pencils and other materials. Send them into the Head of International to decorate the Rainforest Tent at the Essex Jamboree
- Taste fresh fruits from Tropical Countries – mark a map with stickers where they come from
- Cut butterfly shapes from newspaper and lay one on the floor in front of each group of young
- people. Using card 'flap' the butterflies along to the end of the hall

## Cubs & Brownies

- Sample Fairtrade Chocolate against other well know types and see if you can tell the difference.
- Which one is liked the best (be aware of food allergies / intolerances)
- Using the link <http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/monkeys/puppet.htm> make monkeys and send
- into the Head of International to hang up in vines in the Rainforest Retreat at the Jamboree





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- Play snakes and ladders – but instead of automatically going down the snakes ask the young people a question / get them to complete a simple activity to stop them from moving backwards

## Scouts & Guides

- Run an evening on a Green Theme – how much energy and water do your members use at home (see websites below for ideas)
- Create a pledge tree (either a cut out from card, or something made pioneering style with dead branches and twigs). Give each member a green paper leaf and ask them to write a pledge on how they can help save the planet. Stick them to the tree – adding to it often
- Try using seeds and straws as blow darts to hit a target (make sure that targets are not in the direct line of fire for other people!)

## Explorers & Senior Section

- What is Fairtrade all about? Research what products that you can buy that are Fairtrade and where the money goes when you buy these products
- Devise, cook and present a Fairtrade Fundraising Meal to Parents and Guests using only ingredients that are Fairtrade
- Run a Darts Competition against other Units

## Network & Senior Section

- The Yanomami Tribe use bows and arrows to hunt their food. Organise an Inter Network Archery Tournament, or run an archery activity for younger sections (make sure that you have the right qualifications)
- I'm a keeper at the Zoo – get in touch with your local zoo, nature reserve or wildlife attraction and volunteer to get involved in some form of service project – be warned it may involve manure!!
- Save the Rainforest! Use the web to find out what you can do to save our natural resource

## All sections

- As a group fundraise to help save the rainforest





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- Make use of our own natural resources and visit ancient woodland in the UK. It may not be as diverse in species but still plays a vital part in our ecosystems
- Get the Rainforest to come to you – find a snake man and bring the reptiles into your headquarters!!

## Web info

- <http://www.rain-tree.com/facts.htm>
- <http://www.srl.caltech.edu/personnel/krubal/rainforest/Edit560s6/www/facts.html>
- <http://www.nature.org/rainforests/explore/facts.html>
- [http://abcteach.com/directory/basics/science/habitats\\_biomes/rain\\_forest/](http://abcteach.com/directory/basics/science/habitats_biomes/rain_forest/)
- [http://www.savetherainforest.org/savetherainforest\\_007.htm](http://www.savetherainforest.org/savetherainforest_007.htm)