

Sample EcoClub Meeting Topic Ideas

- Learn how to be more eco-friendly in your home.
- Every Drop Counts: Learn about ways to reduce the amount of water we use every day. (According to “Good Is” website, a family of 4 only needs 3 gallons of water a day to survive and in America they use up to 400 gallons a day.)
- Learn how to make recycling easier at your house, at school, and in your community. Then implement.
- Learn about alternative sources of energy (wind, solar, geothermal, etc.) and their benefits as well as the challenges associated with lessening our reliance on fossil fuels (political reasons, not cost-effective in the short term, governmental reluctance, etc.). Brainstorm potential speakers and field trips.
- Learn to compost (i.e., resources, best practices, different ways to compost, and benefits of composting). Start composting at home, school and/or your community.
- Learn how to “Green Gift”: How to be more eco-friendly when gift giving.
- Learn how to be “green when you clean”: The pros and cons to green cleaning products and best practices.
- Learn about carbon footprints and what each club member can do to reduce their own footprint. Your club could even turn this into a fundraising competition. Conduct a school energy efficiency audit and work with school to implement changes.
- Green Transportation and making it work for you: Instead of driving consider biking, walking, riding your scooter, skateboarding, or taking public transportation.
- How to reuse everyday products: (Example: Instead of throwing out plastic bags from your lunch, take them home and reuse them. Plastic bags can actually hold up to washing, drying, and reuse. 1. Insert chopsticks or wooden dowels into the holes of an unused toothbrush holder. 2. Hand-wash bags with warm, soapy water. 3. Hang bags upside-down on the chopstick prongs to let water run out and air flow in). Better yet, stop using plastic bags.
- How to eat green in a way that works for your family and budget.
- Talk about the green initiatives in your city and how your EcoClub can get involved.
- Effects of climate change in your backyard: Discuss how you see climate change affecting your surroundings (i.e., animals, oceans, extreme weather events, etc.).
- Micro steps to combating macro problems: Individual changes that can reduce greenhouse emissions, animal testing in companies, bad corporate policies concerning animal treatment and recycling, etc.)

- Learn about animals on the endangered species list.
- Learn about urban gardens and help members learn how to create and sustain them.
- Learn about the controversy surrounding genetically modified foods.
- Dedicate a month to learning about nuclear issues: nuclear power, nuclear weapons, radiation accidents, nuclear safety and waste management, and nuclear fallout. Request speakers.
- Learn about ozone depletion and what EcoClub members could do to prevent it.
- Learn about and then discuss the “Pacific Garbage Patch” (the plastic trash heap in the middle of the Pacific Ocean that is about twice the size of Texas). What can we do to better protect our oceans from the trash that we produce (recycling our plastic, volunteering for trash pickup along beaches, roadsides, etc.)?
- Learn about air and water pollution and how to reduce.
- Learn how to pack a waste free lunch bag. Start doing this.
- Learn how to help your family reduce personal mail including circulars, coupons, magazines, and credit card offers.
- Watch parts of the “No Impact Man” documentary and talk about the movie as it relates to reducing carbon footprints.
- Learn about the overpopulation of companion animals and the importance of spaying/neutering your pets.
- Discuss the less common types of pollution (light, noise, visual) and how these affect your everyday life. Think of steps we can take to target the sources of these pollutants in order to lessen their negative impact in our communities.
- Discuss the importance of clean water on both local and a global level. Learn about how climate change and climate instability affects people’s ability to have access to clean water for drinking, cooking, and growing food.