



Helping endangered critters one can at a time!

# SCOUT TROOP Introductory Packet

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 1, 2008.....RECYCLING DRIVE OFFICIALLY BEGINS  
(However, you can start anytime!)

April 1, 2009.....RECYCLING DRIVE ENDS

April 10, 2009.....DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FUNDS & TRACKING FORM

**This year, scout troops can choose which Jamboree works best for them.  
Everyone in your troop must attend the same Jamboree.**

- 1. April 18, 2009, from 8:30–10:00 A.M. ....JAMBOREE at the San Diego Zoo
- OR
- 2. April 25, 2009, from 8:30–10:00 A.M. ....JAMBOREE at the Wild Animal Park

**Please note:** All program participants are eligible to attend the Jamboree, with a minimum collection of 400 cans per participant.






# CANS FOR CRITTERS 2008–2009

## What is Cans for Critters?

Cans for Critters is a recycling drive organized by the Zoological Society of San Diego. Schools, scouts, and organizations from every corner of the nation participate in the drive. Participants collect recyclables and then donate the proceeds to the San Diego Zoo’s endangered species conservation efforts.

The Cans for Critters recycling program has been an annual event since 1980. Participants that collect 200 recyclables or more will receive a special San Diego Zoo Conservation Patch. Other incentives include Zoo or Wild Animal Park admission passes and an invitation to an end-of-year celebration and awards ceremony called the “Jamboree.”

## How Cans for Critters works:

-  Participants collect recyclables
-  Redeem cans at a local recycling center
-  Keep receipts and proceeds
-  Complete tracking log
-  Turn in recycling proceeds to the Zoo by April 10, 2009.

# FAQ's

**Patches & Prizes:** Cans for Critters Scout Conservation Patches will be awarded to all participants who collect at least 200 cans. Participants who collect 1,000 or more cans will receive a special, limited-edition gold Conservation Patch and two passes valid at either the San Diego Zoo or Wild Animal Park. Patches and San Diego Zoo passes will either be picked up at the Jamboree or mailed to you at the end of the drive (the first two weeks of May).

**Mailings:** Please note that this program is a “green” program, which means that nothing will be sent to you by mail, unless you cannot attend the Jamboree. All correspondence and updates will be sent via e-mail, so please make sure we have your correct e-mail address.

## Everyone CAN Recycle!

### WHAT WE CAN COLLECT:

- 🐾 glass containers (water, juice, beer, soda)
- 🐾 aluminum cans (soda, beer, soup)
- 🐾 plastic bottles (water, Gatorade, juice, soda)
- 🐾 cell phones



Participants who collect **200 or more recyclables:**  
Receive a special 2009 Cans for Critters Conservation Patch

Participants who collect **400 or more recyclables:**  
Receive entrance to our annual Jamboree plus the 2009 patch

Participants who collect **1,000 recyclables:**  
Receive a limited edition Cans for Critters Conservation Patch  
—AND—

Receive two passes for the San Diego Zoo or Wild Animal Park admission good for any day.

Remember that the drive will officially begin on **September 1, 2008**, but you and your group can start collecting as soon as you like. The drive ends on **April 1, 2009**.

**End-of-Program Jamboree:** All program participants are eligible to attend one Jamboree, with a minimum collection of 400 cans per participant. The Jamboree will feature a special animal presentation and recognition of top collectors.

### Jamboree dates:

- OR**
- Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. at the San Diego Zoo
  - Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. at the Wild Animal Park

**Please note:** Your group must all attend the same Jamboree

### For Program Questions Please Contact:

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## 6 TIPS ON HOW TO RUN YOUR CANS FOR CRITTERS RECYCLING PROGRAM

1. Remember that you can tailor the drive to your individual needs, but don't forget that the **recycling drive ends on April 1, 2009**.
2. **Collecting recyclables:** Participants can bring their cleaned, crushed, counted, and bagged recyclables to recycling center or scout meetings. Your group leader can record the amount of recyclables and keep all receipts for record keeping. If there is an easier way for your group to coordinate the collection of recyclables, you can choose that method instead.
3. **Record Keeping:** Please keep track by individual. Tracking form is on page 4 of this packet.
4. **Recycling:** Select your favorite recycling center and find a volunteer to take the cans to be recycled. To find a recycler near you, please visit:  
<http://www.bottlesandcans.com/where.php>
5. **Recycling Donation:** Please send one check payable to the San Diego Zoo by April 10, 2009.



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6. **And remember to have fun!**

## TIPS ON COLLECTING RECYCLABLES

- 🐾 Start at home. Keep a paper bag next to your trash can and make sure all recyclables go in there and not into the trash.
- 🐾 Ask relatives who live close by or neighbors if they will keep their recyclables for you. Provide them with a decorated paper bag that you collect each week.
- 🐾 Ask family to take a bag to work where their co-workers can throw in empty recyclables. Break rooms and vending areas are great places for this.
- 🐾 Spend the day with the family collecting recyclables at the beach, in the park, or at a sporting event.
- 🐾 Ask your teacher or principal if you can bring a bag to school in order to collect students' recyclables. Leave it in your classroom or the lunch area.
- 🐾 Ask your church or community center if you can leave a hand-painted recycling bag in one of their public areas.

# RECORD OF RECYCLABLES COLLECTED 2008—2009

TROOP NAME and #(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\* For Boy Scouts, please register your individual Den number: \_\_\_\_\_

TROOP LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



Participant's Name	TOTAL COLLECTED		Indicate which jamboree your group will be attending. NOTE: Your group must all attend the same Jamboree. Saturday, April 18, 2009 Location: San Diego Zoo	Saturday, April 25, 2009 Location: Wild Animal Park
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Number of chaperones attending jamboree: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Two chaperones are permitted for every five children.