

THE GREEN BRANCH

SUSTAINABILITY AT THE SCOUTS' HOME – WE'RE PARTICIPATING!



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Checklists and proactive communication ahead of and after the activity.

Local, regional, seasonal, fair; enjoy everything in moderation.



Ask your local forest ranger for advice:

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Eco-conscious behaviour on the go



Walk or cycle to meetings, don't forget bike racks at the Home.



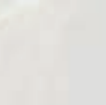
Go on weekends and camps by bus or train (www.mobiliteit.lu), use car sharing when public transport isn't available.



Reduce trips to transport people and material by planning them carefully.



Campfires don't have to be tiny, but don't turn them into bonfires either. Only use official fireplaces.



Ask the forest ranger and the owner of forests or fields you want to use as a camping spot for permission ahead of time.



Wildlife matters: throughout the year, please avoid all terrain and stay on forest path for night-time activities.

Avoid noise and bright torches in the forest at night.

After the activity is before the activity: don't reinvent the wheel; evaluate what went well and stick with it but remain open to changes.

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Conserve groundwater during the camp: it is essential for life.



Save drinking water.



Ask your Home manager for advice:

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Tap water is drinking water!



Do your dishes quickly and easily: washing-up liquid, a dishcloth, a scourer, hot water and a good kitchen towel. Use biodegradable cleaning products and don't leave the water running while you're doing the dishes - fill up the sink with warm water instead.

More soap doesn't always mean cleaner dishes - it mostly just creates a lot of foam.



Repair leaky taps, don't leave the tap running unnecessarily and make sure to set the water heater correctly.



Use rainwater to flush toilets and to water plants.

Havana-shower = soak for a minute, lather for a minute, rinse for a minute.



Fun is explicitly encouraged: use sponges instead of water balloons for water games in the summer; natural sponges can be used again and again and no microplastics will end up in the groundwater.

'Nothing gets lost, nothing is created, everything is transformed.' Water, the origin of life, is distributed unequally across the globe. Our NGO 'Guiden a Scoute fir ENG Welt' can help you better understand the issue of unjust resource distribution and support you to do a change: ongd.lgs.lu



www.lgs.lu/nohaltegkeet

ENERGY



Hybrid heating and hot water collectors on the roof.



Buy green energy or produce it yourself with the help of photovoltaic modules.



Find out more from your local energy advisor:

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Eco-conscious behaviour at the Home



Please turn off all lights after meetings; timers or motion sensors can also help you use the lights sensibly.



Save energy and find out which of your appliances use a lot of energy, always turn appliances off all the way and avoid the 'standby' setting.

Don't spend too much time online; reduce streaming and downloads; the internet also uses energy.



Air intermittently rather than always keeping the windows cracked. There's no need to sweat, nor freeze: meetings 18-22°, bathrooms and dormitories 15-20°.

Turn down the heating when no one's around, but don't turn it off entirely.

A little truth for all guides and scouts: when it comes to the use of appliances, 'as much as necessary and as little as possible!'

Summarized, the Green Branch stands for a simple lifestyle: as we sing it in the Luxembourgish guide and scout song 'Fol' Leit...'

MATERIAL



Good material is more expensive, but with the right care, it's much more durable.



R3: Reduce, reuse, recycle/upcycle at the Home and at the resource center.



Ask your 'material master' for advice:

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Eco-conscious resources



When buying camp material, ask about customer service: only good tents can be repaired. Never put away wet tents and keep your material in a well-aired location.



Don't cut up construction wood unnecessarily.



Buy material and food in bulk to reduce packaging. Prepare containers for leftovers.



Rather than wrapping food to cook on fire in tinfoil, try using your mess tin; it can be rinsed, tinfoil can't. Buy cast-iron or inox pots to cook on fire - they last forever.



Make your own coal to grill on, or else buy regionally produced charcoal.



Set up one shared pantry in your Home and get rid of individual food cabinets in each meeting room.

You don't need to buy all new things to furnish your Home.

There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad equipment: if we invest in good material, we need to take good care of it.



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Robert Baden-Powell