

Portable Pond Trash Pickup Game



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Objective: Participants will gain a better perspective on the problem of trash in our waterways and the difficulty encountered in removal of trash from those waterways.

How to Play

Place the trash items in the container of water (the “pond”). Have the participants use a small butterfly net to scoop out as much trash from the “pond” as they can in 10 seconds and they then receive the “Do You Know Where Your Litter Is?” pamphlet (ANSC-4018). If parents have a concern that smaller children might get wet while playing, provide the child with a plastic apron. Have the participants lay the trash pieces on the lid of the container or simply on the ground. Do a “10 count” for the time limit. When finished, give the visitor one of the pamphlets mentioned above and encourage them to “stash their trash.”

Materials Needed

- Watertight Plastic Container. Recommend one with a lid to prevent water from spilling in transit to event. If it is another type, you will have to either take water along in another container or fill-up on site.
- Trash items such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles or anything that can and does end up in the water.
- Butterfly net (available at Target®).
- Water, approx. two gallons depending on the size of your container.
- A supply of ANSC-4018 “Do You Know Where Your Litter Is?” pamphlets.
- A disposable plastic apron so participants don’t get wet.



The Portable Pond Trash Pickup Game (at lower right) as part of an extensive Sea Partners booth.

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