

GIVE BACK

SPREE Squads can earn stamps for this category one of two ways:

1. Complete the 5 step process for investigating an environmental issue. (Special Agents will earn a stamp for each step of the process.)
2. Complete the trash pick-up activity. Special Agents will earn a stamp each time they complete this action. For example, if I pick up trash on 3 different occasions, I will earn three Give Back stamps!)

Investigating an Environmental Issue:

If you and your SPREE Squad would like to come up with an issue and a solution of your own, there are 5 steps to investigating an environmental issue to help guide your process. It is important to choose an issue that is local and relevant to your special agents so they feel empowered to be a part of the solution!

Trash Pick-up:

Materials: Gloves for each child, trash bag

Background Information: Trash is the number one pollutant of the South Platte River and there are many different ways that trash can end up in our river. One of the ways is through the storm drain system. Few people know that the rain and snow that falls in our streets in Denver travels through storm drains (the holes in the curb of the streets to prevent flooding) and goes directly to the South Platte River without treatment. That means anything in the streets can get washed down the storm drains and into our river, even trash! By picking up trash in the streets or a nearby park you are helping keep the South Platte River clean! Anywhere you are in the city, you have the power to help take care of our river by doing something as simple as picking up a soda can or a candy wrapper.

Activity: Whenever you are out on a mission, take a plastic bag with you to fill with trash you find. When picking up trash, make sure children have gloves to protect themselves from any sharp objects.

Resources: Contact SPREE if you need help getting started with this activity or if you would like more information about trash in the South Platte River.