



## Bring Out Your Wild Side DIY Project

**Civic Circle Area:** Listen and Learn, Voice

*The impact of COVID-19 continues to change our daily lives and routines, but volunteering and civic engagement are just as important as ever. This project can be modified to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by local and national authorities, to do virtually or to do at home and deliver via mail or drop off.*

The World Wildlife Federation estimates 10,000 animal species go extinct every year. This is the direct result of human choices affecting the natural world. Help educate others about the importance of preserving biodiversity on our planet by hosting a film screening.

### Why Is It important?

99% of species of animals, birds and insects that are endangered are at risk because of manmade problems like littering, or polluting. Scientists say that by the year 2500, as many as half of the world's species may have disappeared from the earth.

### What You Need:

- Caring kids and teens
- A garage, community center, theater or living room
- A projector or TV
- Handouts and posters advertising the event
- Ways to help fight for the animals you love

### Steps:

1. Identify a place where you could hold a film screening. Make sure you explain that you will need access to a television or projector to show the film.
  - As a virtual option, you can host a “watch party” on a streaming service like Amazon Prime or Netflix to view the documentary together.
2. Pick a documentary that you wish to show.
3. Advertise the event in your school, community or neighborhood.
4. After the screening, have a petition, or a list of ways that the audience can make a difference.

Optional: As an “admission fee,” encourage attendees to make a donation to an organization that addresses the issue for which you're raising awareness.

### Reflection Questions:

- What did your family learn about animal welfare?
- How did your project impact the community?
- How else can you fight for animals?