

Hi Everyone,

Another fabulous meeting is in the books for troop 4859! First, the girls earned their Rosie petal (Make the World a Better Place). Please sew it onto her vest -- a diagram attached. Only one more petal to go and then their flowers will be complete! Some of the girls are also bringing home a "Reading with the Dogs" patch, which you can also sew onto the back of the vests.

Here's what went down at the meeting:

**First, we read the book "Great Sharky Shark" by Suzanne Tate.** This is a story about a shark who gets trapped in piece of plastic trash. He is almost eaten by a larger shark because he can no longer swim properly. Luckily, he gets it off and everything works out in the end. The messages from this book here are:

- We should be using materials other than plastic whenever possible
- If you have to use plastic materials, recycle them when you're done or dispose of them properly
- Don't litter in the ocean (or anywhere else!)

**Then we did an awesome recycling activity.** The girls learned what various materials are recycled into. For instance, did you know that glass is turned into insulation, that plastic water bottles are made into sleeping bags, and newspapers are turned into kitty litter?

**Last, we made a beautiful craft out of recycled materials.** Ms. Sunny showed us how to turn recycled jar lids and recycled paper into sun catchers. The girls really enjoyed it.

**Here are some talking points from today's meeting:**

- Today we read a story about a shark who got caught in a plastic ring. What is one thing we humans can do to prevent this from happening again?
- We learned that many materials can be recycled into new and interesting things. What is one surprising item that is made from recycled materials?
- Today's craft was made with recycled materials. What interesting substance did we rub on the paper to make it translucent?

**Congratulations to Katelyn for earning the "Planet Saver" patch today.** Katelyn shared a lot of stories and ideas about recycling with us. She keeps her entire family on their toes when it comes to recycling trash in their house! Thanks to Kristalyn for bringing a *fabulous* snack!

Photos from today's meeting can be found on the [pictures tab](#) of our Shutterfly page.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 18. Katelyn is signed up for snack.**

**Also, our field trip to the Humane Society will take place on Friday, April 20, after school.** I think we have enough drivers with Sunny, Monique, Angela, and me. You will need to pick your girl up from the Humane Society that afternoon. Please let me know if your girl will not attend. More details coming soon.

See you next time!

Love, Monique, Sunny, and Christina