

RECYCLING AT THE ZOO

CMHA and the Girl Scouts go to the Cleveland Zoo to learn about recycling

On Monday, June 29, 2009, CMHA and the Girls Scouts took a field trip to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Both the zoo and CMHA's Energy Conservation/Sustainability Department share a similar mission that focuses on conserving the natural world around us. The zoo is not only concerned about the lives of the plants and animals exhibited, but also the natural resources used every day.

Scouts from CMHA's Garden Valley and Woodhill Estates are highlighting recycling as one of the merit areas that they are working on for 2009. The zoo was a perfect, enjoyable trip for the students, combined with an educational atmosphere.

"The zoo was a lot of fun and I learned what it means to not just throw things away, but to recycle and reuse," said Shayla Pettway from the Garden Valley Girl Scout Troop.

Nancy Hughes, Educational Director for the Cleveland Zoo explained the importance of recycling in their everyday work environment. She also concentrated on the zoo's program for recycling cans, bottles, paper, cell phones, and ink cartridges.

"Overall I think it was a very positive learning experience for both the kids and the adults," said Larry Davis, CMHA Sustainability Manager. "It was an informative session that held the kids attention. They walked away knowing a lot more about recycling."