

No food bank in your community?

You can offer this Take Action Project through a place of worship or a community center—or any other location that helps feed people in need.

Be a Protector!

Suppose you and your team are animal and nature lovers and you want to help the environment, too. What animal or plant needs protection in your neck of the woods? Yes, even urban areas have plants and critters that need protection. So, what's threatened in your area? What's on the nation's endangered-species list? It could be a flying squirrel or a bighorn sheep, the California condor, a whooping crane, or even a crow. It could be the Texas prairie dawn-flower or the Willamette daisy. It could even be a spider. (Don't tell Dez, but about a dozen of her kin are on the endangered list!)

So huddle up and figure out who to talk to and who to meet—park rangers, local environmental groups, Nature Conservancy members, local Sierra Club representatives. Many people in your community are likely to be knowledgeable about plants and animals that could use your help.

If you pool your moxie and do some research, you and your team can become experts on an endangered or threatened species in your area. Once you know all the facts, you could create a care kit about the best ways to protect the species and its habitat. Then make copies of your kit and distribute it—at your school, other area schools, or perhaps throughout the whole community—so everyone can work to protect what's threatened in your area. You'll have learned so much that someone may want to interview you!

If you can pull something like this off, you'll have a great story to tell. Send me a copy!

