

**“When you’ve got something to say, you’ve got to say it for the world!”**

# EARTH DAY EDITION!





# WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE Earth?



**EVERYTHING!**

– Camber Dean

**The whole earth!**

– Ellie Dean

**The animals are my favorite.**

– Mei



**How there are so many different beautiful places: mountains, forests, oceans, deserts. They are all so different but all so beautiful.**

– Becky Manwaring

**The toys, the shops, the beautiful mountain, and the clouds.**

– Ren

**That it is on an axis and that it spins really fast. I also love all the places to travel to.**

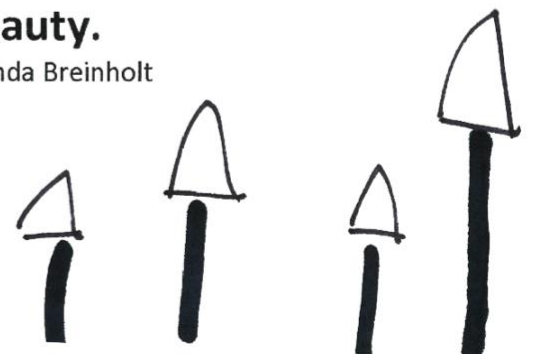
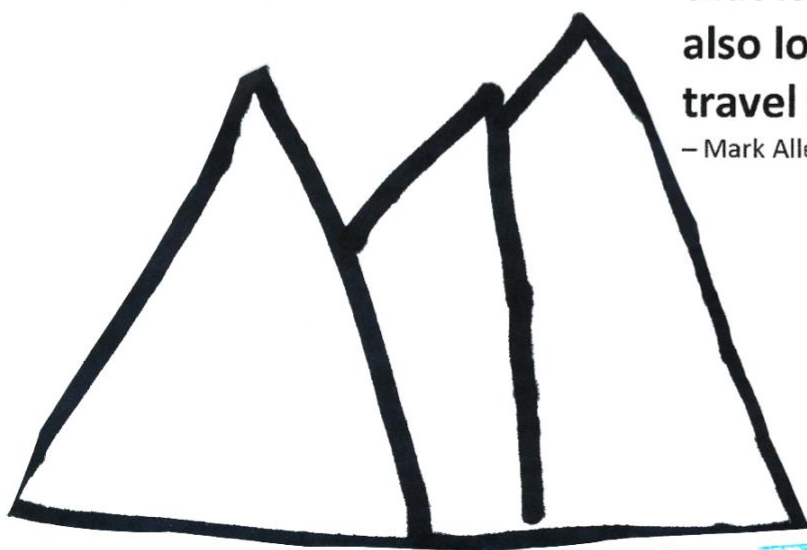
– Mark Allen

**Hawaii and Yellowstone**

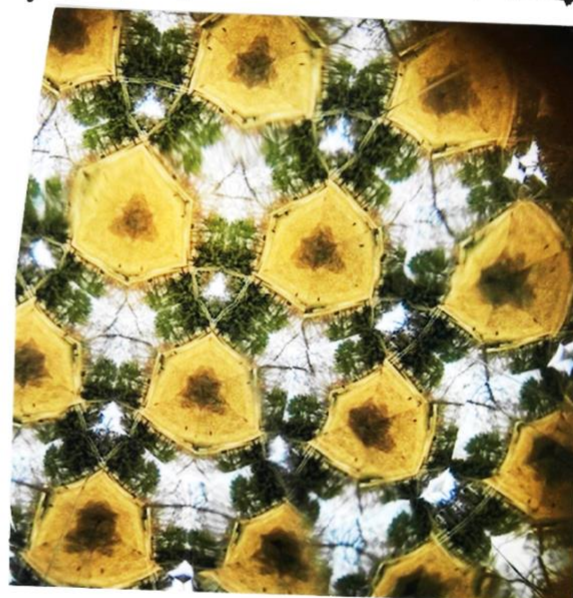
– Karen Evans

**The water, the flowers, the trees, the mountains, and the oceans. I love all the beauty.**

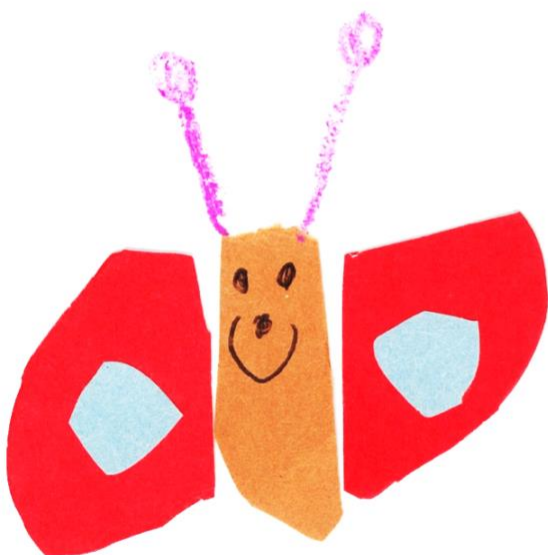
– Linda Breinholt



A wonderful book to help you see the world in a new way is Bernhard Edmaier's **PATTERNS OF THE EARTH**. Check it out!



This is what it looks like if you look through a kaleidoscope at the world!





# red

# WHY I LOVE RED PANDAS



They are so cute



They are not  
mean

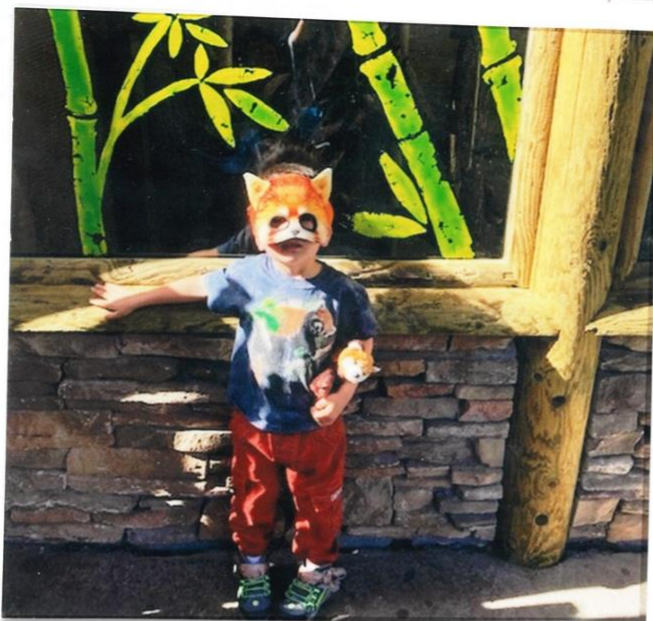


They are red like  
my favorite  
color.



Their sound is  
so so so so so so  
so so so so so so  
so so so so so  
cute!

--Ren



*Ren wore his special red panda clothes to the zoo for the interview! His outfit is a red panda mask and t-shirt, a pair of red panda-colored pants and a clip-on tail that you can see when he turns around! Dressing like your favorite animal can raise awareness and give you opportunities to chat with others about the animal you love. 😊*

**YEAH! MY FAVORITE TREAT IS ICE CREAM!**

You like ice cream and that is really sweet and a dessert for us. But for red pandas they can't have ice cream, right? So he gets something sweet like grapes or apples.

## WHAT TIME DOES RED PANDAS WAKE UP?

Well, they are crepuscular. Can you say that?

**CR...EPU..SCU...LAR!**

Good job! So that means they are awake in the morning and the evening. And they sleep the rest of the time. Isn't that funny? They sleep a lot!

**HI! MY NAME IS REN. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?**

My name is Jerica, and I am a zookeeper here at Utah's Hogle Zoo.

## WHAT'S THE RED PANDA'S NAME?

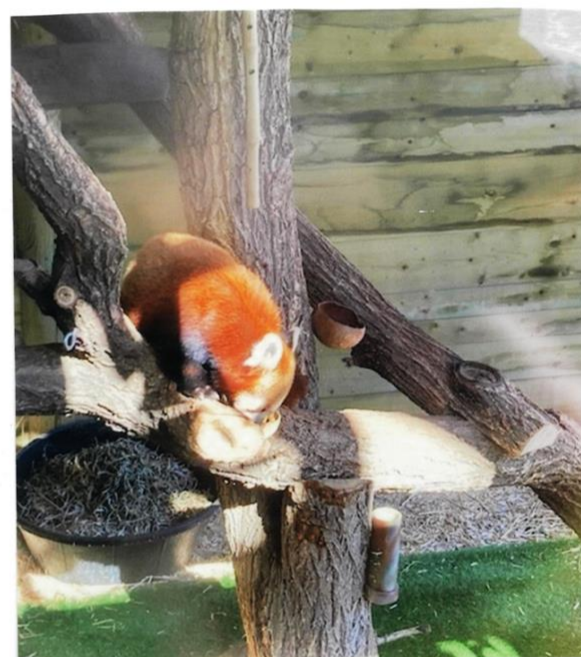
His name is Mow Mow.

## WHAT DO RED PANDAS EAT?

That is a good question! Red pandas eat 90% bamboo and then they also eat things like fruit. Do you want to know what Mow Mow's favorite snack is?

**YES!**

His favorite treat is grapes. Do you like grapes?



*Mow Mow up in the morning and exploring his enclosure at the zoo. He is soooo fluffy!*



I got my face painted as a red panda. I think I look cute. I think hippopotamuses are [probably] the worst ones to get painted on your face.



*During a previous birthday, Ren rode on the red panda seat of the Hogle Zoo's conservation carousel. He has visited the zoo with cousins who did not know about red pandas before he showed them. Your enthusiasm really can help get out the word out about those things that are important to you!*

## HOW DOES THE ZOO'S CAROUSEL GIVE THE RED PANDA MONEY?

That's a good question. Our carousel is our conservation carousel, so it has a lot of our conservation partners on it. Have you been over to our carousel? It has lots of cool animals on it, right? \*

## YES, AND RED PANDA!

And red panda! So all of those animals are represented here at Utah's Hogle Zoo and [the money raised] helps our conservation partners.

**HMMM, WOW! BYE!**

\*Proceeds from the Conservation Carousel support the Zoo's global conservation efforts. Each ride adds up to make a significant impact in saving wildlife & wild places. With over 30 programs in Utah & around the world, the Zoo is committed to conservation. The Zoo supports many initiatives but focuses on six key animals: 1. Boreal Toad 2. Orangutan 3. African Lion 4. African Elephant 5. Polar Bear 6. Radiated Tortoise





Mei and Ren each had the opportunity to speak with Jerica Tullis, a zookeeper at Utah's Hogle Zoo. She works in the Asian Highlands area with red pandas! She was wonderful! Many thanks to her and to Marilyn Hsiung and Bob Cisneros for arranging everything. This is Mei's interview, and her questions are in bold. Ren's interview appears on the previous page. Jerica and Bob are in the photo above with the children.

**I THINK RED PANDA FACES ARE CUTE. SO I WAS WONDERING, DO ALL RED PANDAS HAVE THE SAME RED FUR AS MOW MOW?**

They do all have the same red fur. So that actually blends into this moss that comes on the trees where they [live] in the wild. But they can all have their own individual pattern on their face. So they are all the same color, but their markings might be a little different.

**OH, OKAY! ON THEIR FACES. OKAY, IS THE FUR SOFT? OR DOES IT JUST LOOK SOFT?**

It kind of looks soft [but] they have more of a course fur. So if you have a rabbit at home, or if you've ever petted a rabbit, a rabbit is softer.

**OH, THAT IS INTERESTING.**

It is interesting.

**WHAT TOYS DO THE RED PANDAS LIKE?**

Oh, that is a good question. So everything we give out here at Utah's Hogle Zoo is species specific. So that means that a toy that a tiger might have might not be suitable for a red panda. So Mow Mow gets a lot of smaller things. He likes things like coconuts—and we can do a lot of things with coconuts—I mean we can drill holes in it and put his food and biscuits in it, so he has to kind of knock it around to get his food [from] it. And he also really loves smells. So he gets things like perfume and lotion.

**(MEI LAUGHS) THAT IS REALLY FUNNY!**

Yes, it is kind of funny, but he really likes them because he really like to smell it.



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Red Panda





You can go to thrift stores, and you can buy paintings that someone did, but they aren't the best [or aren't finished]. And then you can add your kid painting over it. Your ideas will help to make the old paintings shinier and stand out! Sometimes you can get the old canvases for free too. The kid reporters have done this with three old canvases. The picture above is of the first one they tried adding their own painting work too. Mei painted the sun and birds and rainbow. Ren painted the flowers and grass. We can't remember who painted the house though! Try it out for yourself!

*(Continued: Mei interviews Jerica Tullis about red pandas)*

**I HEARD THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE HAPPENING WITH THE RED PANDAS. CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT?**

I think it might be Mow Mow's dating profile is out right now. So Mow Mow is a single male here, so we are hoping to get a female—so kind of a girlfriend for him. And we are in talks with Pueblo Zoo right now and a girl named Priya. So if you go on our Facebook page or Instagram page, we have both of their own profiles, and they are kind of talking back and forth right now about what each other likes. So hopefully we might have another red panda soon.

**(MEI GIGGLING) YES, BECAUSE ONLY ONE KIND OF MAKES IT SAD. OKAY, NOW I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WHOLE ZOO!**

Okay!

**HOW DO YOU GET THE ANIMALS BACK IN THEIR CAGES IF THEY ESCAPE?**

Well, that is a good question. So we do a lot of training here at the zoo. So Mow Mow for instance we work on crate training with him. So he has a little crate that he is trained to go in and out of. So if he were to, let's say, climb on a tree and accidentally get out we could maybe bring his crate out and he might just go back in because he has a really great relationship with us. So every animal is different. They all have a different thing. So we might use some of his favorite treats to kind of coax him back to us.

**OKAY.**

It is a good question.

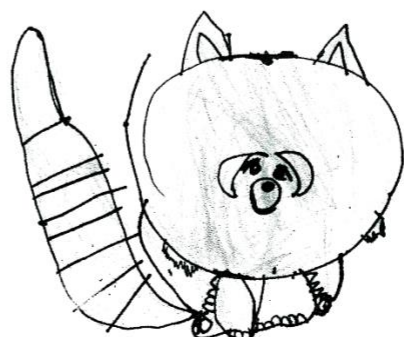
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE ZOO?**

My favorite part of the zoo? Well, the red panda is pretty cool. But I like the whole Asian Highland animal area. My favorite animals are snow leopards. So I really love watching them play in the snow. And I think it is really cool that Utah's Hogle Zoo is opened year-round. So the animals that really like the cold weather—like your snow weather cats and red pandas—they might be more active in the winter. It is really cool that guests can still come here when it is a little chilly out. But you might see the animals interacting more with their natural environment.

**THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME INTERVIEW YOU!**

Well, thank you so much!

I ♥ RED  
PANDAS!



At the zoo I asked a 6-year-old boy named Carter what his favorite thing about red pandas is. He said, "how cute the face is." I agree!





Hi, I'm going to tell you about **JANE GOODALL**! So I read a book about Jane Goodall, which I love it, so I'm going to tell you about it, okay! So Jane Goodall, she ♥LOVES♥ chimpanzees they're her favorite animal. She looks for them all the time in the morning and she plays with them sooooo much. And y'know she just ♥LOVES♥ them. So let me tell you my favorite part of that story.

So she was just sitting quietly on a rock not moving, when one of the boy chimpanzees arrived on the tree. It came closer and closer. And then the chimp **BONKED** her on the head with a stick! And she was just sitting there and didn't move. Okay, that's my favorite part of the story.

Okay, I'm going to tell you another thing about Jane Goodall. So Jane Goodall she just loves animals so much that she got a job for animals. And she is still alive, and she still works for them. So that's pretty hard if you worked for your whole life and learning about **CHIMPS**! She wants to be nice to animals because she ♥LOVES♥ chimpanzees and she ♥LOVES♥ animals. And the next thing I'm going to tell you (but) I just need the book (first) to talk, let me get to the right page (because it always rips), here it is:

She watched a family chimpanzees and she was just watching them from close distance, and they were just hugging their baby. **Sometimes chimpanzees talk to each other in their MONKEYIEST voice**. Okay, this is very interesting, you might not very think it is, but it is very interesting. So what the chimps do, is they take a little stick and they put it in the ground and then they pulled it up and ate the little bugs that went on it! Almost like fishing, like fishing, they're termites. So sometimes Jane Goodall would put bananas under her shirt and then the chimpanzees would say, "Hey, do you have any bananas under there?" So that was kind of funny.

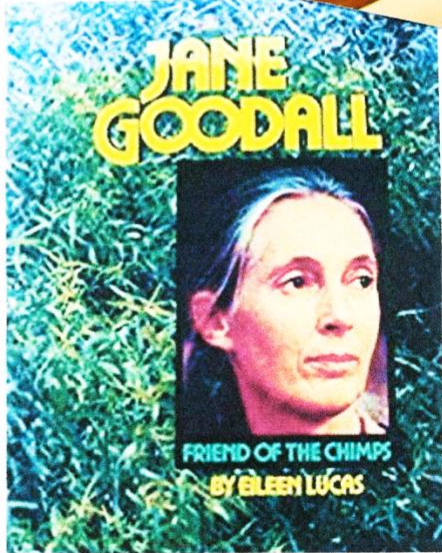
So Jane Goodall, she had a stuffed animal, and her stuffed animal was named Jubilee. And when she was a baby she had it forever, but people thought it would make her have scary dreams, but she had **GREAT** dreams about working for puh-in-cham, pin-ch-am, ah chimpanzee(s). And yeah, I'm going to tell you what stuffed animal it was, it was a CHIM-PAN-ZEE! But we call it CHIMPS. So I'm going to tell you the next thing that Jane Goodall loves so much. So she would carry it around all the time her stuffed animal.

Okay, I want to do this thing with you, this part (pointing at the book) so they looked at some of animals' bones. So Jane Goodall talked to Dr. Leaky and they sort of looked at some of the animal bones. Umm and that's how they used to do it. And then the chimpanzees they took really good (care) of their babies because they loooooovvvveee to y'know do all that kind of thing.

And then she always looks outside; and she looks at all the animals that have been out. So that's the story of her; and her mom went camping with (her) when she did all this work. So yeah!

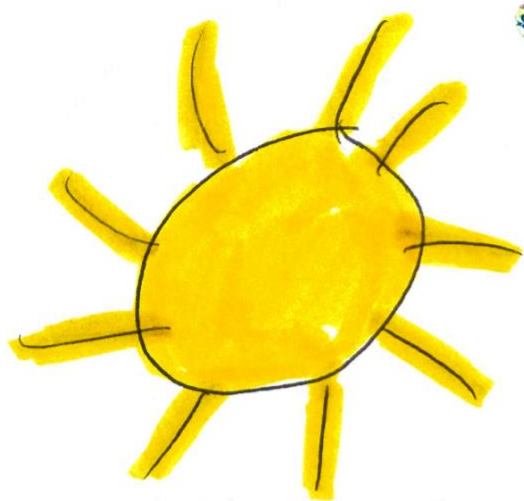
That's the chimpanzee story!  
- Mei

## BOOK TIME!



The book Jane Goodall: Friend Of The Chimps is by Eileen Lucas. It was too long to read in one day, so we read it slowly and used a bookmark to save our spot each time.





# NESting



Bird  
Hotel



Kid reporter Mei speaks with MARK ALLEN of Norman, Oklahoma. Mei's words are in **BOLD**.

## I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD TELL ME ABOUT WHEN YOU MADE BIRD HOUSES AT THE LAKE?

Yes, so when I was in scouts, I had an Eagle Scout Project to do. And you're required to essentially do a community service activity or a project. Anyway, I wanted to build something. So I reached out to Lake Thunderbird State Park in Oklahoma about any projects that needed to be done & one thing was BIRD HABITATS also known as BIRD HOUSES. Now, that appealed to me because I already enjoyed bird watching & had bird feeders as a kid.

I had heard of a [type of bird called a] Purple Martin & when they make nests, often other birds will drive them away. So they've kind of been suffering—they've been declining in population. But there's a special design of bird house especially for Purple Martins. The difference is that the entryway to their house is not just a circle, instead it looks more like a half moon shape.

**WOW!**

Yes. And apparently Purple Martins their wings kind of fold differently so they can go in versus another bird or a predator who'd try to get in & hurt them. So when I designed the bird houses with my Dad, Lowell Allen, we made sure we had holes that are perfect for Purple Martins & we also designed it so the roof could be removed & you could clean it out.

**OH SO THEY COULD DO THAT!**

Another cool thing is that it is two stories—a two story bird house. So imagine six bird houses all glued together & then on top of that another six bird houses.

**SO IT IS LIKE A BIRD HOTEL ☺**

Yeah, a bird hotel! We also designed it for air flow. So that air could escape & it wouldn't get too hot & uncomfortable for the birds in the summer—there was venting on top of the roof. We used cedar wood to build the bird houses. Then we used these tall aluminum poles—15 feet tall is what they ended up being—to mount them on.

It took a lot of work to make, & build, & install them. But they came out really well & they looked good, & they are still there over 15 years later. That's pretty good!

Hello friends, it's **SPRING!** And birds are going to start making nests. We reuse empty plastic [fruit] boxes that hold strawberries or raspberries and we put things [inside] that are good for nests—nesting materials. You could put grass, your Christmas tree pine needles, moss, anything like that. We put them in the boxes, & we tie them to trees in our yard; Then birds can make nests using the supplies. So they can make their nests nice & comfy!



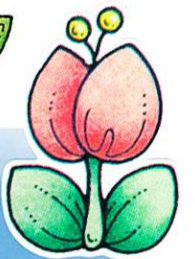
art by Mei



# INTERNATIONAL PEACE



# GARDENS



"Hello Friends! Okay, today I'm going to tell you about the **International Peace Gardens**.

1. **International** means like EVERYTHING! It doesn't mean one place.
2. **Peace** can [mean] 'Ahhh' to calm down. Or peace can mean if we all learn about the different countries then we can have peace in the world.
3. **Gardens** just means there's a lot of flowers.

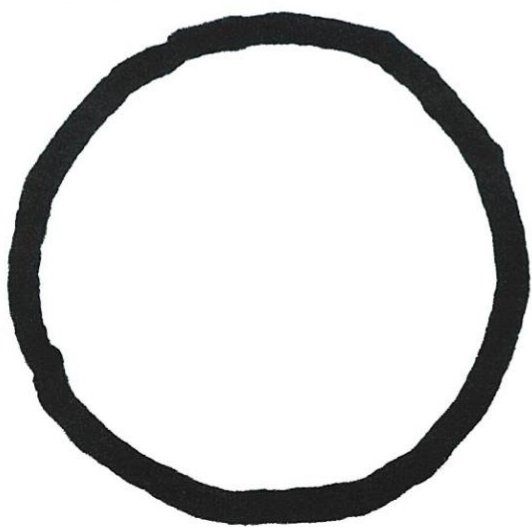
When you go [there are] a bunch of statues from all different cultures. So for Japan, at the peace garden where I live, there's a red bridge. Or for Paris there is [a small metal replica of] the Eiffel Tower. For Ireland there's the [Celtic] cross. When I go to the peace garden it makes me excited because I can have fun there. And I learn things I never knew [like] that in Norway they have really cool houses, or I never knew that in Switzerland there's a gigantic mountain! And lots of people do different holidays at the gardens because it is a culture place. (PS. There are squirrels too and it's fun to see them!)

**My dreams for the world** are that people won't catch leprechauns, and I hope that everybody can have a nice life and everyone can be nice to this earth and to the animals and to the people.

**There are peace gardens all over the world** that you can go to and they're all different. So you could look them up and then see if they're close by!" --Mei



## HOW TO DRAW A PEACE SYMBOL



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3





I like this building because in Norway they have really cool houses, and the insides are amazing.



This display was for Ireland! I have never been to Ireland, but I enjoyed this statue. I hope to go to Ireland someday. I wrote it on my list of dreams for my life.



It was fun to walk up the path to Matterhorn Mountain for Switzerland.



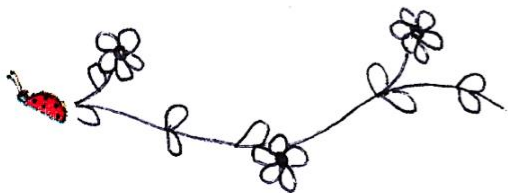
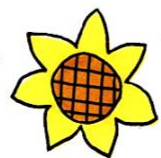
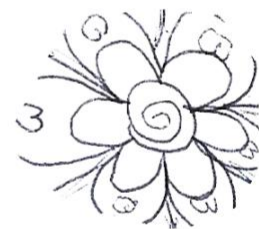
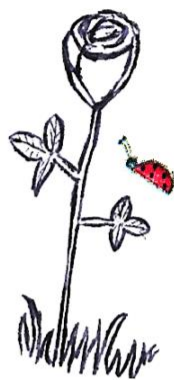
People come to the International Peace Gardens to celebrate holidays or (like in this picture) to take pictures for a quinceañera!



I like this statue because I'm learning French and this is the Eiffel Tower



This is how you make a peace symbol with your fingers.





# Special Report for Kids News!

By: RANGER DAVE MALLERY  
Utah Conservation Corps



The Utah Conservation Corps gives young adults from across the U.S. the opportunity to come to Utah for three, six, or nine months at a time. They mainly live in tents while they are here. They do some of the hardest work in our National Parks, National Forests, and other public lands. They've been doing this for 20 years!

More than 2,500 people in the past two decades have shared their time and energy to help build trails and help make sure that people can continue enjoying nature in Utah for decades to come.

But first we should talk about the word, "conservation." It might have different meanings, depending on what is being talked about. When we talk about the Earth and the environment, it has a very specific meaning. It means "the wise use of our planet." The land. Fresh water rivers and lakes. The ocean. The air we breathe. Plants. Animals. You know, "wise use" instead of "abuse."

If we go back a hundred years, we'll go back to where this concept of *conservation crews* (much like the ones we have today) all began. By the year 1922, many states within the U.S. had begun developing state parks to allow people to enjoy nature. Before this work could spread to all states, our country entered "The Great Depression." People could not find jobs, which meant they couldn't afford to pay for houses or buy food for their families. The building of state and national parks came to an end.

Then in 1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president, promising to make things better. One idea for helping people who couldn't find jobs was to create a national Civilian Conservation Corps. The corps volunteers would go out across the entire nation to help build roads, bridges and parks that would be very important for state and national parks. The work was hard. The first group to arrive in Utah built a camp for other Civilian Conservation Corps volunteers in American Fork Canyon. They lived in tents until they could build their own barracks (buildings to live in.)

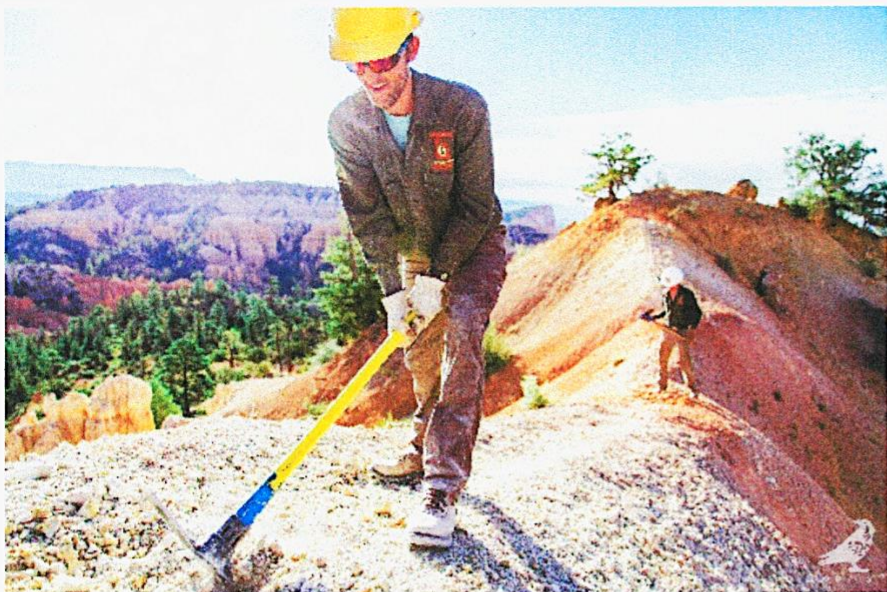
Here in Utah, nearly 50,000 young men from our state and across the nation worked during the next nine years. Crews in Utah built 116 separate camps during those years. These hard-working people built trails, campgrounds, cabins, bridges, even phone lines! Most of the early roads giving access to the Wasatch Range were also built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The work of these crews helped start Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks.



A UCC Crew rests after a hard day's work.



National Archive Photo of a Civilian Conservation Corps Crew in the past



Modern day UCC Crew Members building a trail.

Here are places you can visit on the internet to learn more:  
[Utah History Encyclopedia \(uen.org\)](http://utahhistoryencyclopedia.uen.org)  
and [Utah Conservation Corps | USU](http://utahconservationcorps.usu)

Each crew member received pay of \$30 a month which is equivalent to around \$600 today. These young people were also provided with shelter, clothing, and food. They were required to send at least \$25 from each monthly paycheck home to their families.

Today, when you and your family visit our state and national parks here in Utah, you will sometimes see a sign marking the location of an "Old Civilian Conservation Corps Camp." And you'll see a lot of older buildings and bridges made almost entirely of stone and rough wood. These, too, are the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps. On the same trip you might run across a group of five or ten young people working on a trail. They'll have hardhats on and uniform shirts that have "UCC" on them. These young people are also part of the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps. They represent what people all around the world call "America's Greatest Idea." They are talking about our state and national park system! And just maybe, during the summer after you finish high school or while you are in college—maybe you'll decide to join the Utah Conservation Corps and help make our parks and public lands better!

**KID NEWS NOTE:** Thank you very much Ranger Dave for this cool info! And there are more conservation corps across the USA, kids! Lots of chances for adventures in the future!

## Kid COMMENTS

"Oh, I never knew this existed. Wow, I think it is awesome that young people volunteer to help make our National Parks looks nice."

— Nikki Chun

"I have never heard about the young adults who work on the hiking trails, I think that is so cool. I love visiting National parks. Last year I went to four National parks and maybe I hiked a trail one of the young workers created."

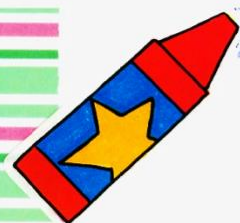
— Brinley Stiles

"We all agreed that was very interesting. Our family loves Zions and Bryce Canyon and have been many times. We had no idea about the Conservation Corps. Such a cool story! We're excited to watch for any remnants like it mentioned when we visit again."

— Rachel Wardrup Family



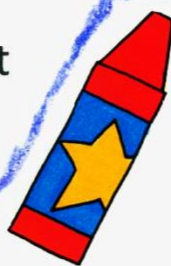




# Kid Idea



KID NEWS READER JACK MCHENRY loves to read the black-and-white printed paper versions of KID NEWS with his mom. Afterwards, he makes the fun last longer by getting out his crayons and coloring the issue!



When there are broken crayons, you can do a really cool thing and make them into more crayons! [You do it] by peeling off the covers and then putting them in a cupcake-mold-thing and putting them in the oven. Your special grown-up should help you. We made some to look like the earth. PS: The idea came from a website called *Sandy Toes and Popsicles*.



Wrappers off!

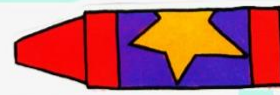


Melted in pan.



Done!

## HAVING FUN WITH TREES!



Today I'm going to talk about something I did in my room.

One afternoon my mom was trimming some trees that were in our backyard and I found a perfect medium-sized tree [branch] that my mom had cut down. So I grabbed it and put it in my room. I hang stuff on it and looks good!

--Mei

← This photo shows the necklaces and bracelets on the branches. It will be fun to add more things over time!

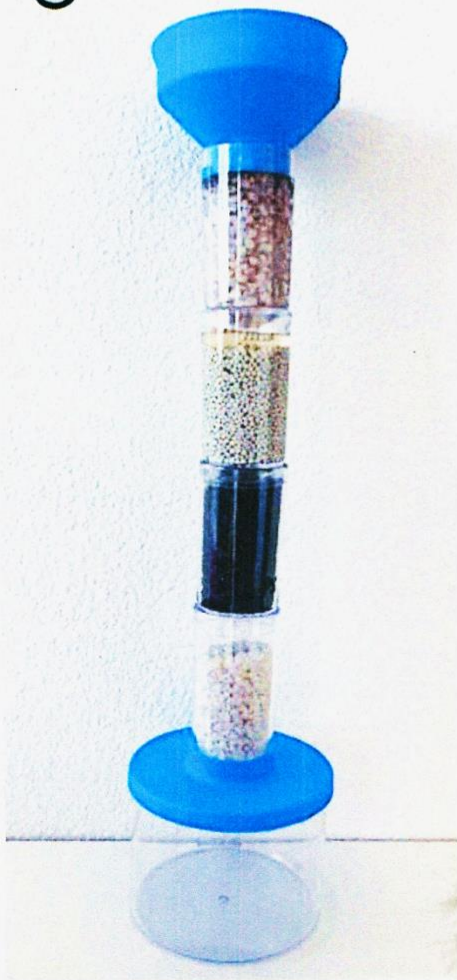
This photo shows how the branch is tucked in the corner for stability. You can also see how tall the branch is above the bed frame. →



## COOL SCIENCE: HYDROLOGY

By Mei

This is hydrology. We started out by taking a cup and adding dirt and weird seasoning. I pour the cup in the pipe that has all the rocks—different types of rocks. And it is dirty water at first, but after it goes down through all the rocks it is super-dupitty clean. And that's how my cousin's water works at the farm. Because they have a well. I really liked seeing the water going down through the rocks, and every rock was very different with how the water went down.



How water filters through soil is part of a larger system called **THE WATER CYCLE**. You might ask an older brother or sister, or a special grown-up, to tell you about it! Asking the person to draw a picture while explaining it can be helpful too.



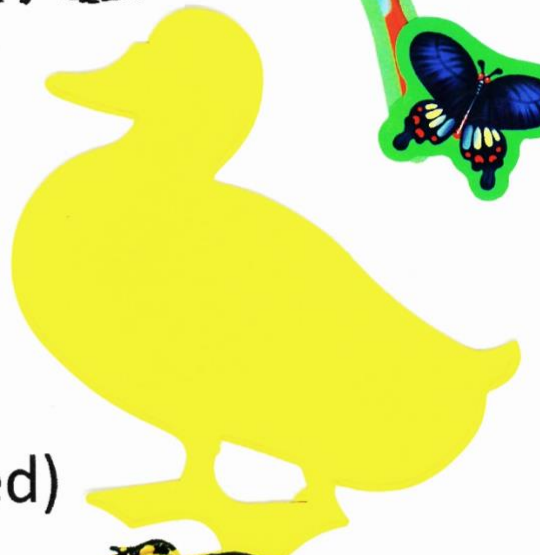
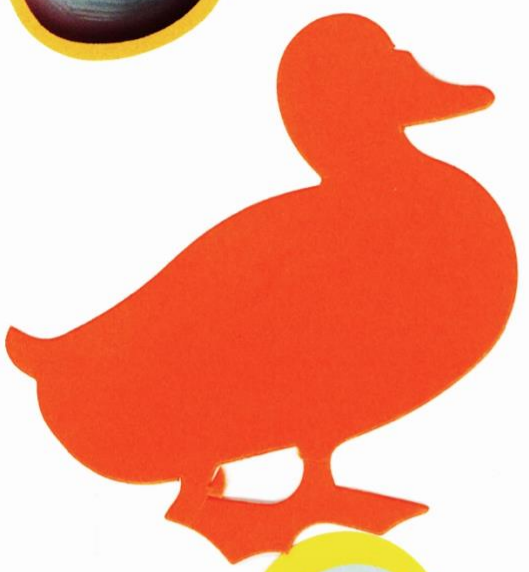


# HELP THE DUCKS

You cannot feed ducks bread. It is NOT good for them!! It can make the tips of their wings turn so that they can't fly.



WHAT DUCKS CAN EAT



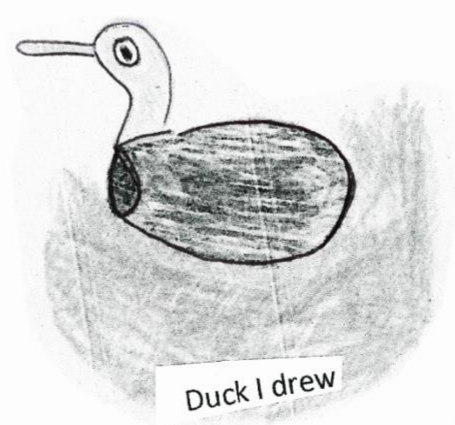
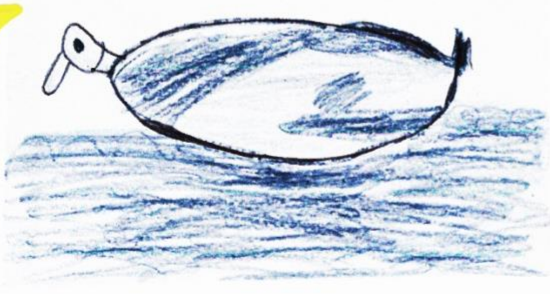
- Bird Seed
- Rice (dry or cooked)
- Lettuce/leafy greens
- Oats
- Peas (defrosted if frozen)
- Corn (fresh, defrosted or canned)
- Grapes (cut)



duck in JAPANESE  
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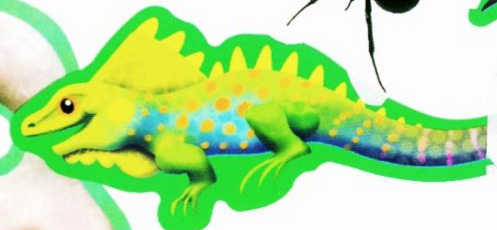
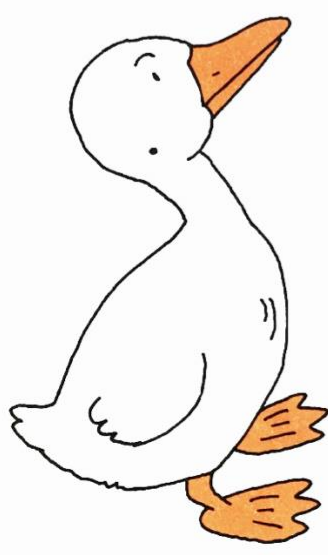


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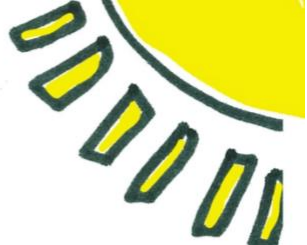


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Duck my Mom drew when she was in kindergarten





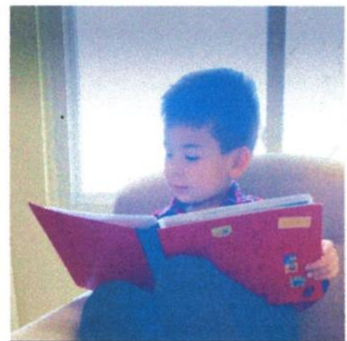


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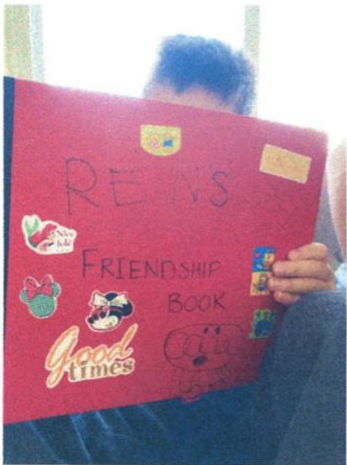


### FRIENDSHIP BOOK



Sometimes we don't get to see our friends as much as we wish. During the pandemic this was especially true.

One thing that can help us remember all the fun times with our favorite people is A FRIENDSHIP BOOK! Ren made one and he keeps adding to it. He loves sitting and smiling over happy memories. If you make one it can be very simple or it can have lots of stickers and drawings along with photos.



One of Mei's favorite friendship sayings is: "Make new friends but keep the old. Some are silver and the others gold."

# AMAZING AMAZING FRIENDS AND AMAZING AMAZING SKIN!

BY MEI



Me with my new friend at Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk, New York 2021

Hi friends!

I love people!!!!!!! When I went to a park at New York there were three kids on a swing. But there was one swing left. So then I joined their group because they let me. And we were being funny. And then some other kids came, and I played with them. We did a lot of fun racing contests.

So wherever you go you can make friends! Even if you are just [in that place] for a little bit you can still make friends. And maybe if you become really good friends, in [that] little time, maybe you can get phone numbers.

When you make friends all over the world they can have different skin color, or different hair, or a bit of an accent. Or they might know different kinds of games.



Me and my mom went to the store and saw Colors of the World Crayons. It is helpful because you can draw different skin colors when you draw your new friends.



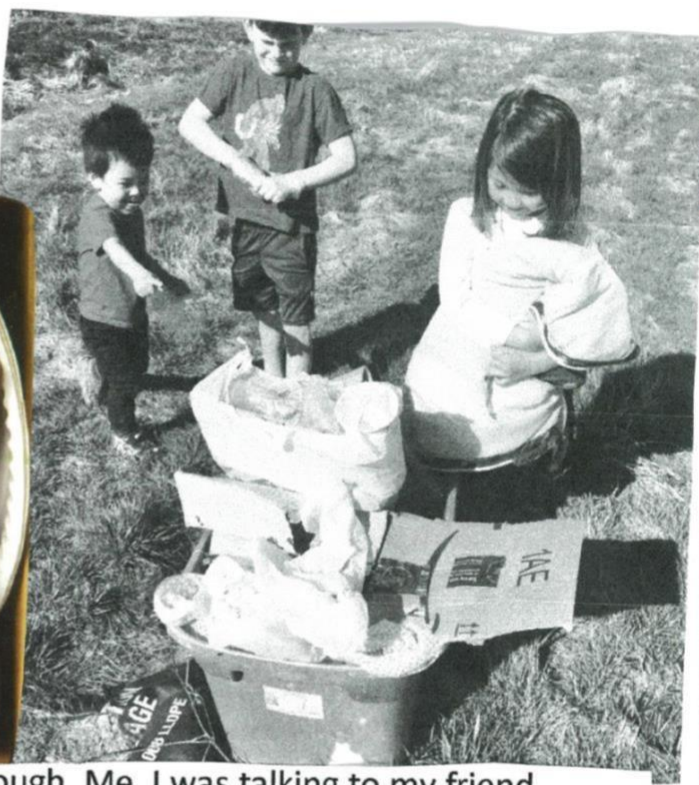


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# Earth Day

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So Earth Day is like a day that you're really HAPPY about all the things the Earth gives to you. We can make animal homes. We do not throw our trash like outside in the backyard or anything. You just need to throw it away in the trash. - Love Mei



This is a TRUE story though. Me, I was talking to my friend, well, Ben Bible. And I saw how there was trash everywhere, as I was talking to him, and so I said "y'know this is a good idea for Earth Day." And I went to tell my Mom this little thing about trash in the field. So that day we picked up trash and it was so fun and I loved it and my friend Ben came over. Picking up trash is great. You just need a Target Bag and gloves. We found a lot of trash. A lot, a lot a lot, a lot. Love Mei. And then La La La.

Let me tell you about something called packing peanuts. Well, you know how you order things in boxes and these white things come on the bottom? And you're like: "What's going on?" Y'know you don't know where to put them. Do you think you put them outside? No. Listen to me. You get them and you put them in water. It has to be in a sink or the swimming pool or something and they sink down [and dissolve]. Some of them are biodegradable, and some of them are not, so ask a grown-up first.



## MEI TALKING ABOUT WHAT HER MOM SHOULD PLANT IN THE GARDEN THIS YEAR

"I wish she would plant pumpkin seeds because I love pumpkins. They're my favorite and actually I've eaten their seeds before. I wish you would plant ALL kinds of corn. I really want my Mom to plant some BIRTHDAY SEEDS. Yeah, I wish there were some! Oh yeah, I wanted cucumbers. I would LIKE SEAWEED! I don't know if we can grow it in the earth..."

