We have picked a few of our favourite activities from ‘60 ideas to celebrate Earth Hour’ (wwf.org.uk/earthhouryouthresources) which will encourage your group to get out into the great outdoors. Here’s our handy guide to help you achieve 12 of these activities!

At 8.30pm on Saturday 25 March, millions of people across the world will switch off their lights to show they care about the future of our brilliant planet. Earth Hour sends a powerful message to decision makers that you want action to tackle climate change which threatens the things we love. Your group can join in with Earth Hour 2017 on the night, or in the days or weeks leading up to the big event. To help you plan your best Earth Hour yet with your group, we have created 60 ideas to help you celebrate our beautiful planet.
Night hikes and outdoor fun
1. Plan a night hike with your group. At each checkpoint why not include the Earth Hour Quiz? [www.org.uk/earthhouryouthresources]

2. Go for a nature walk and see what nighttime wildlife you can spot. Make a note of any animals that you see.

3. Walk your group to a local hill point and look out for the lights being switched off.

Stargazing
4. Write a dazzling message and draw stars with sparklers.

5. Go stargazing with your group and discover amazing star constellations. Why not head to your local Forestry Commission and take part in their stargazing events? Check out our map to find an event near you [www.org.uk/EHtakepart]

6. Go camping under the stars – build a bivouac or a lightweight tent.

7. Hold a constellation quiz to see how many you can recognise.

8. Make a wish upon a star for a brighter future! What would your wish be for our brilliant planet? Make wish sticks; write your wish on a stick and burn them in a campfire with friends.

Around the campfire
9. Tell animal stories around the campfire – or act out stories under torchlight.

10. Invite parents and friends for a campfire cookout and tell them all about Earth Hour – [www.org.uk/earthhour] – share stories of your favourite places, animals or things from nature to remind everyone how special our world is.

11. Story starters – sit in a circle and tell a story about a Saturday trip to town; everyone takes a turn. Ask the group to clap each time they think energy is being used. Can you tell an energy free story?

12. Make some real hot chocolate with fair trade products.

Earth Hour Hot Chocolate

Ingredients
- Soya or almond milk (200ml per person)
- Fairtrade cocoa powder
- Some spices such as cardamom, ginger or chilli

What to do
- Gently heat the milk in a pan over the campfire (ask your leader to help you)
- When the milk is bubbling gently add 4 teaspoons of Fairtrade cocoa powder per person
- Stir well
- Sprinkle in a small pinch of spice

Get sharing
We’re here to inspire you in the run-up to Earth Hour to take part, show your support, and help take a stand on climate change issues. We’ll be sharing loads of creative ideas on cool crafts and amazing activities to help you plan your best Earth Hour yet.

Please don’t forget to share your stories and images by emailing us at youth@wwf.org.uk – or by using #EarthHourUK @wwf_uk