

Joey Scout  
Action Environment Story  
Pond Life

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Items needed: Pictures of pond animals – Tadpoles, Water snails, ducks, fish, frogs and dragon flies.

These are to be handed out to the Joeys who then sit in a circle on the floor.

Leader reads the story with one hand raised. When the Joeys creature is mentioned, they run up and tag leader's hand then return to their spot on the floor. When word Rubbish is mentioned they must all fall on their backs and play dead until the next creature is mentioned.

When I was walking to the pond the other day someone had dropped **RUBBISH** on the footpath so I picked it up and put it in the bin. Then a **DUCK** flew over my head, followed by a beautiful **DRAGONFLY**. When I reached the pond I saw lots of animals swimming around and sadly quite a lot of **RUBBISH**. I could see some tiny **TADPOLES** swimming about in the water trying not to get caught in the **RUBBISH** or eaten by the **DUCKS**. I could see **WATER SNAILS** climbing up the water reeds looking for their lunch and I could hear **FROGS** croaking and saw them hopping over **RUBBISH** to reach their lily pads. A family of **DUCKS** was quietly floating past looking for some lunch; I hope they don't eat any of the **RUBBISH**. All the little **FISH** hid under the lily pads out of sight, they didn't want to be eaten by the **DUCKS**. The **DRAGON FLIES** were fluttering back and forth across the pond trying to avoid the **RUBBISH**, at the same time keeping out of reach of the **FROGS**. From a distance the **TADPOLES** and the little **FISH** looked the same, I wonder if they look the same to **DRAGON FLIES**. The **WATER SNAILS** would sometimes float on the water instead of staying on the water reeds, I hope the **DUCKS** and the **FROGS** don't see them. It was a lot of fun watching the **TADPOLES** and the little **FISH** swimming about, the **DRAGON FLIES** fluttering across the water, the **DUCKS** floating by and the **FROGS** sitting on the lily pads.

As the sun set, all the pond animals settled down for the nights and went to sleep. Before I left I picked up all the **RUBBISH**.