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It's time to plan a local adventure. Call upon everything you've learned from PGC thus far in order to leave the smallest footprint possible. We want you to think critically about the details of your adventure and make a plan to explore without harming the earth. Pick your place. Make it local, somewhere you can get to easily.

This is the project I am waiting for! In China, we have the four fundamental elements of life: “衣食住行”, which translates to “Clothing, food, living space, and travels”. We have covered “衣食住” in PGC already, and travel is the only element left! Personally, I think traveling is the most intricate concept among those four and I have always paid attention to. It is the integration of transportation, food, and living space. As an essential part of our daily lives, environmentally conscious travel is something we need to act on every single day in order to make our world a greener space. Because of its complexity, travels do not have a huge impact on our day to day life. Analyze the concept sociologically, it would be of an activity of the higher status comparing to basic needs to housing and food. Because of its likely lack of priority, people don't really talk about the issue. But because of its intricacy, it is something that we should pay extra attention if we wanted to keep our earth as beautiful as it is.

Fortunately, I am able to live in a neighborhood that has easy access to nature (as seen in the picture) without anything extra. Tying into what we've discussed yesterday in the Social Justice Challenge, we need to understand that access to nature and green environment is not something that everyone can obtain. Therefore, the city beautification projects carried out in various cities in NJ are working towards the goal of social justice and equality. Access to public facility should not be a privilege and should not be solely limited to topics that come up regularly. Access to green spaces provide a better environment, better physical health, and better mental health for the residents, who shall share the equal opportunity to a healthy community.

Read up on the 7 Principles to Leave No Trace and incorporate them into your plan. Consider...

Travel arrangements: are you walking, biking, carpooling?

Snacks: who made them and how? Are they organic? Can you make your own?

Waste: how will you lessen waste on your trip? Will you bring reusables?

Attire and gear: where are your clothes from? How was your gear made?

Share your planning details in a creative way.

As mentioned above, I live in an apartment complex that has an absolutely killer location inside the woods. My apartment is situated right across from the historic Herrontown Woods in the Princeton area, and visits into the deep forest is something I often do in order to take a mental break from work. There is a picnic area in the woods, and I will invite my friends from my apartment to go with me. After doing all the

challenges from PGC, I have really stepped up the eco-friendly planning game. #coolme I will walk to the woods with my friends. This is not planned, but my mom and I always share clothes. We purchase new clothing very rarely, and my mom is still wearing the clothes she bought decades ago. I will wear **my mom's yoga outfit** from patagonia. I will bring my **KleanKateen** water bottle with me. We actually had a lot of fun making and eating our **FLOS N meal** so my partner and I will bring the food to the camping area with an insulated bag and **reusable utensils/containers**. By doing so, we not only minimize our carbon footprint, we also minimize the cost of the trip and maximize our happiness! The waste will also be put into edible and nonedible edible sectors. The edible waste will be left on the ground and the non edible ones can be successfully put into a used plastic bag. TFinally, as a responsible citizen and an ambassador of green living, I will ask my friends to do so too and if they have any questions, I would educate them with the knowledge I learned from PGC in the past few weeks!

Everything Planned in one Pic

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