

EcoRanch Tip Sheet

Setup

1. Turn the punch out cards over so the uncut side is face up. Press out each piece (enlightened points, micro credits, animals, supplies) in a downward direction. This makes the piece punch out easily without tearing any paper. Try it, it works!
2. The cards are not previously shuffled so you need to do this so there are random card types (Q&A, T&F, Social Awareness, Inner Awareness, and Go To..) drawn by the players. Divide the entire stack (200 cards) into thirds and then shuffle each divided stack. Then, cut each stack in half again, and pick half of each stack and shuffle with another stack. It takes less than 2 minutes! Try having a conversation while you're shuffling.
3. Peel the player stickers one at a time and apply to one green pawn. Each pawn should have the SAME player on both sides of its face. No, these are not two-faced players, just the pawns are two-faced.

Questions and Answers

1. Question: We ran out of shelters at the Recycling shelter location because someone took all of them!
Answer: Why is it that some people think they need more of something than they can use? It actually hurts them and us in the long run, doesn't it? But, no worries, just move a shelter from another location. Place it at the Shelter Recycling location. My thoughts: The REAL answer is you earn an enlightened point when you DONATE one of your SURPLUS shelters to the Recycling Center. You aren't aiding yourself, the animals or others by acquiring more than your Adopted Animal needs.
Same answer applies to Water Recycling Location.
2. Question: What if I'm a boy and all the boy players are taken?
Answer: First, this is just a game, not real life. Second, are you a good actor? Third, we are all children of the universe and gender is insignificant to the kind of person you are in Life. The Universe really doesn't care whether you are male or female. It's about Energy, not Form!
3. Question: The URL for the answer to one of the cards is no longer valid. What should we do?
Answer: First, please note the card number at the bottom of the card and send it with a quick note to: info@enlightenedplay.com. We appreciate when you tell us so we can update our website and notify others, find the location for the new information or even better, let you know that new research/products have now made a change for the better and we can announce to everyone that something has been resolved in the world of sustainability! That would be the best scenario, right?
4. Question: Why do the carbon footprints all point in a single direction when we can actually go either way?
Answer: Great question! Sometimes we find ourselves going down a path in Life that turns out to be not the most enlightened choice. That's when we can choose to reverse our direction or back up and try a new path that leads to a better result. That's called LEARNING.

5. Question: Our family has seven people and we all want to play, why is it only for 6 players?
Answer: We felt that having more than 6 players would create a slow to play game. But, we have a suggestion. Why not have roving players that work with someone who needs or wants help? That's cooperation! That team should earn an enlightened point just for paying it forward! Hey, how about having 12 people play and two players per pawn!
6. Question: We get stuck on a question or topic and spend an hour discussing it, looking up more information on the internet, we end up only being able to play a couple of rounds and never finish! What's with that?
Answer: I have no answer. But, here's a question back at you. Isn't that a good thing?