

WE ARE VERY PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE HOUSTON ZOO IN A HANDHELD ELECTRONICS RECYCLING CHALLENGE CALLED "ACTION FOR APES".

By recycling these used items such as cell phones, you help protect animals like chimpanzees and gorillas that live in areas where cell phone materials are mined.

WWJH and Tomball ISD are working hard to collect as many handheld electronics as possible to be recycled through the zoo.

You can donate any of the following in any condition:

- *Smart Cell phones***
- *iPods***
- *MP3 Players***
- *iPads or other tablets***
- *Wifi Hotspots***

Before donating your devices: Make sure you terminate your service or switch your contract to a new phone. Clear any personal data from the device by removing the SIM card or manually removing the information. On most handheld electronics, you can find "Reset" under "Settings." Turn your electronic off, if the battery is still charged.

Donations will be accepted from now until APE-ril 20th!

Please drop items in the donation box located in the the library.. Thank you!

How does this help save animals like gorillas and chimpanzees?

A material called tantalum is found in almost every cell phone, as well as in other handheld electronics such as tablets. This metal comes from the ground in Central Africa, which happens to be where animals like chimpanzees and gorillas live. When the metal is taken from these habitats to be used in electronics, the homes of chimps, gorillas and an array of other animals become disrupted and these animal populations decrease.

When you recycle your used cell phone with us...

The materials in the electronics can be reused instead of mining new minerals from the ground in Central Africa.

When you recycle at the Houston Zoo, we return it to a company called Eco-Cell that sells the individual parts of the phone so that they can be reused. Any proceeds then go to conservation efforts to help save animals in the wild.

