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Do four activities to complete this Brownie Try-It.

1. For one week, list ways a computer is used in your daily life. Be sure to ask others around you as they are doing their work if they use a computer. You may be surprised where and how often computers are used and how they involve you. Tell others what you learned and what surprised you most.

2. Learn about a disk, the proper way to care for a disk, and how to format a disk.

3. Find out if computer paper can be recycled in your area. Also, find out if the local computer stores stock recycled computer paper.

More to try:
Help the environment by picking up computer paper and delivering it to be recycled.

OR

Ask someone with a computer at home, school, work, or a computer store to show you the packaging used for their computer or a piece of software. How much of the packaging will go in the "trash"? How much can be recycled in some way? What pieces weren't necessary for the safe arrival of the package?

4. Learn to use a word processor to write a letter, a story, or a poem by yourself or as a troop. If possible, print your work.

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6. With adult supervision, use a modem to try to contact another person or to obtain other information.

OR

Play a computer game. Try to use a mouse or a joy stick if one is available.

7. Visit a business, company or organization in your area to see how computers are used. (Some suggestions would be the grocery store, hospital, airport, library, beauty salon, graphics print shop, or back.)

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