USING RESOURCES WISELY (AND CRAFTILY!)

1. MOST USEFUL THINGS TO KEEP
   - Paper bags
   - Shoeboxes
   - Wrapping paper/old cards/ribbon scraps
   - Water bottles
   - Magazines/junk mail ads
   - Discard clothing (for material and for buttons and zippers)

2. SOME ESSENTIAL CRAFT SUPPLIES FOR UPCYCLED CRAFTS
   - Old plastic tablecloths/tarps to go underneath the messy fun
   - Paintbrushes of all sizes
   - Glue gun/glue sticks
   - Plain white glue/glue sticks
   - Mod Podge
   - Sponges
   - Needle and thread
   - Clear tape/Masking tape
   - Hole punch/stapler
   - Scissors
   - Paper
   - Rubber bands, paperclips, fasteners, etc
   - Art supplies (crayons, markers, colored pencils, acrylic paints, colored paper, etc)
   - Items suitable to your troop's age group (ex: younger troops may use more pipe cleaners, glitter, pom poms, googly eyes, etc; older troops may need more sewing items, spray paint, duct tape, crafting/woodworking tools, etc)
   - Organized storage to contain it all

3. PLACES TO FIND CHEAP STUFF
   - Thrift stores
   - Yard sales
   - Dollar stores
   - Clearance aisles
- Craft store coupons and sales
- Look in unexpected parts of stores (food aisles, cleaning supplies, hardware)
- Trading with other leaders

4. PLACES TO GO ON THE INTERNET FOR CRAFTY INSPIRATION
- Pinterest
- Favецrafts.com
- Craftgawker.com
- Dollarstorecrafts.com

5. COOL STUFF TO MAKE (THAT DOESN'T ADD TO THE JUNKPILE)
- storage
- journals
- camping stuff
- ornaments to give away/SWAPS
- FUNctional items (hair bows, bags, etc)
- gifts for parents, leaders, friends

6. BONUS STUFF!

- LINK TO LOTS OF WATER BOTTLE CRAFTS:
  http://www.favецrafts.com/Green-Crafting/14-Easy-to-Make-Water-Bottle-Crafts/ct/1
- JOURNALS MADE FROM GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOXES
  http://thermoweb.com/blog/cookie-box-notebooks/
- 14 THINGS TO DO WITH MESH PRODUCE BAGS (FROM FAVECRAFTS.COM)
  http://www.favecrafts.com/Green-Crafting/14-Creative-Uses-for-Mesh-Produce-Bags#7hWoziolozvckEdkD.99
- PAPER CRAFTS
- CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
  http://www.favecrafts.com/Ornaments/31-Simple-Homemade-Christmas-Ornaments/ct/1
  http://www.babble.com/crafts-activities/18-upcycled-christmas-ornaments/