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# Wild Things Are Here!

This month, movie director Spike Jonze and children's author Maurice Sendak bring you *Where the Wild Things Are.* It's the film version of Sendak's much-loved book about Max—a boy with lots of wild energy.

In the story, Max feels misunderstood at home and so escapes to where the Wild Things are. This is a magical outdoor place where Max meets mysterious and strange creatures who long for a leader to guide them.

The Wild Things decide to crown Max king, and he promises to create a place where everyone will be happy. Max soon finds, though, that ruling his kingdom is far from easy.

Max is played by real-life Max Records, who enjoys hiking, biking, and playing outside with his friends. National Wildlife Federation has teamed up with the film to launch a national campaign to get kids and families outside.

For more information, see <a href="https://www.nwf.org/wherethewildthingsare">www.nwf.org/wherethewildthingsare</a>.

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#### **KIDS IN ACTION**

### **Honu Helper**

For millions of years, green sea turtles have swum in the crystal blue waters off the Hawaiian Islands. Many Hawaiians, including a girl named Meimei (MAY-MAY), call these creatures honu.

Not long ago, people were destroying honu nesting areas and polluting nearby waters. This made it very difficult for the turtles to survive. Now, thanks to honu lovers such as Meimei, the animals are doing much better.

At a local Earth Day celebration a few years ago, Meimei gave an important speech about the turtles. She encouraged people to respect the honu that come to the beaches to bask in the sun and lay their eggs. And she asked people not to pollute the waters where honu look for food.

"The turtles don't have a say in what people do to them," Meimei says. "By educating people, I give the turtles a voice."

—Terry Jennings

