Don't ungroup both at the same time or you'll never get the stacking order straight again!
MASK: River
Here's a mask you can play with. You can use it to tell your friends how they can Take Care of Texas!

Directions:
1. Cut around the mask.
2. Cut out the white circles for the eyes.
3. Glue or tape mask to a popsicle stick.
Hi, I’m River!

And my name is Sky!

We like to do our part, and help our friends

Take Care of Texas.

Tell us your name

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Texas is a BIG state.

Texas is a beautiful state too.
We all like to enjoy Texas, whether it’s…

…swimming,
…riding our bikes,
…or playing outside.

If we want to keep enjoying Texas, we need to make smart choices every day to take care of Texas!
We all spend a lot of time at school. There are many things we can do around our school to take care of Texas...

When we read and write at school, we use a lot of paper.

So we don’t throw away as much paper, we can...

...use both sides of our paper and recycle our paper instead of throwing it in the trash.
We also use electricity at school.

By turning off lights, TVs, and computers when we aren’t using them, we can conserve electricity, which helps keep our air clean.

Activity: Color any computer that should be turned off BLUE and any that should be left on GREEN.
There are many things you can do at your home to help take care of Texas!

We can use less water and keep it in our lakes, rivers, and streams.

Be sure to turn off the water when you brush your teeth.

Try to take showers that only last FIVE minutes.

Activity: Draw the hand on the clock to show that five minutes have passed.
When you leave a room, turn off any lights, radios, TVs, computers, or video games that you aren’t using.

Activity: Help save electricity. Circle the FIVE things that should be turned off when no one is using them.
Not everything can be recycled. Leftovers and food wrappers should NOT go in the recycle bin.

Activity: Draw a line between the recycling bin and the items that CAN be recycled.
Trees, flowers, and other plants help make Texas beautiful.

Plants that we know grow easily in Texas, called “native plants,” use less water.

Like all dogs, River and Sky like to dig holes.

Activity: Unscramble each word next to the holes they've dug, and then draw a line from the hole to its matching Texas native plant.
We can take care of Texas when we are out and about as well.
By doing our part, we can all keep our communities clean and beautiful!

Don’t litter.
Throw your recyclables in a recycling bin and your trash in a trash can—never throw any of them on the ground!

Ride your bike.
Instead of riding in the car, try riding your bike for short trips. It’s fun, and it helps keep our air clean.
Take a walk.
If it’s a really short trip, your family can try walking. You can enjoy Texas and get some exercise.

Tell your friends.
Ask your family and friends to help you take care of Texas. No matter where we live, we can all make smart choices to do our part!

Don’t litter.
Throw your recyclables in a recycling bin and your trash in a trash can—never throw any of them on the ground!
How do you take care of Texas?

Activity: Use this page to draw a picture showing how you and your family Take Care of Texas!
MASK: Sky
Here’s another mask you can play with. You can use it to tell your friends how they can *Take Care of Texas!*

Directions:
1. Cut around the mask.
2. Cut out the white circles for the eyes.
3. Glue or tape mask to a popsicle stick.