

Family Nature Club Newsletter

June 22nd-28th

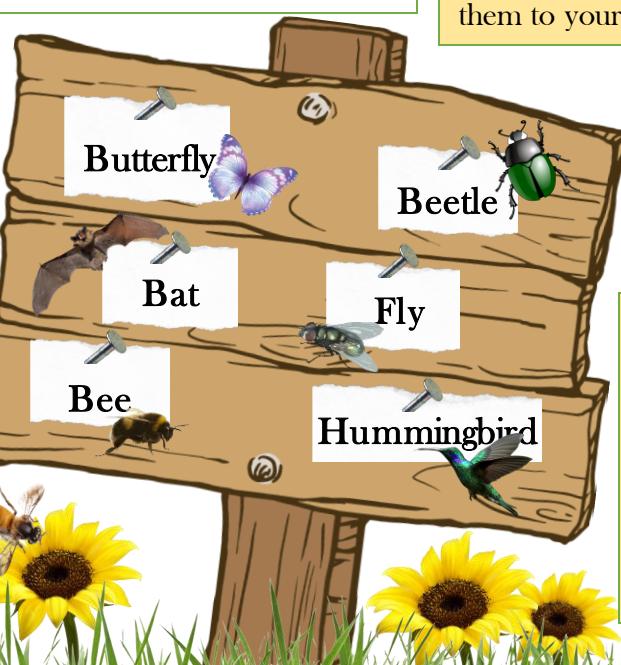
Spending time outdoors is not only great for your health, but it is a great way to pass the time. Use these activities and additional resources to help you stay busy during this time at home!



Do you know what a pollinator is?

A pollinator is an animal that makes it possible for plants to produce fruit and/or seeds, which is how plants reproduce! In order to make this happen animals like bees, butterflies and birds carry around pollen as they move from plant to plant, which leads to fertilization! Fertilization occurs when the pollen from one plant comes into contact with another plant. Without these animals many of the plants we see around us today wouldn't exist!

Go on a search for pollinators in your backyard! How many of each kind of pollinator on the sign below can you find?



Did you know about 75% of all plants need pollinators? This means most of the food we eat relies on pollinators!

Nature Craft: Animal Masks!



Steps:

1. Decide what animal you want to be!
2. Draw the outline of your animal's face on a piece of paper, cardboard or paper plate.
3. Cut out the face using scissors (make sure to cut out holes for the eyes and nose!)



4. Does your animal have horns, ears or a beak? If so draw these on another piece of paper, cut them out and glue them to your mask!

Want an added challenge? See what natural items you can add! Grass for fur? Leaves for ears?

5. Add some color using markers or crayons and then create two holes on either side of your mask. Thread a piece of string through the holes to secure the mask to your face!

Article of the Week "Five Ways to Make the Outdoors More Inclusive"

Click Here:

https://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/rei-2018/five-ways-to-make-the-outdoors-more-inclusive/3019/?fbclid=IwAR3sCJRL8rno2CwV3R_GGYZnS3BZQemtb8or809VwT_uOZ6FUMcxecIr_2E

Additional Resources

- Check out the National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Virtual Photography Exhibit: <https://www.nwf.org/virtualwildlifeexhibit>
- Family Activity-Name That Tree: <https://www.plt.org/family-activity/teaching-with-itree/name-that-tree/>
- Ranger Rick Activities in Spanish: <https://rangerrick.org/tag/spanish/>
- Find out how much water you use: https://ecorise.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/7_8_Wtr_M1_L1_Personal-Water-EcoAudit.pdf