

Creature Features

A 4-H Youth Environmental Education Series for
After-School Programs, Community Clubs and Camp

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Lessons to assist children to become better acquainted and feel more empowered to explore their environment. Each lesson provides a hands-on, experiential learning approach, and lasts 45 to 60 minutes. They can be adapted to all grades K-8.

- ✓ Critter Bingo – Wildlife Identification – Key concepts: resident species, invasive species, threatened, endangered
 - Wildlife ID Bin Box activities including show and tell
- ✓ Nuts about Knots – a STEAM activity of materials science, cord/rope manipulation
 - Follow on Lesson - 6 Knot Challenge
 - Follow on Lesson - each child learns to make, and can take home a handmade paracord bracelet or zipper pull.
 - Follow on lesson – Pullin’ for You – pullies and other simple machines
- ✓ Name That Fish – Fresh, salt and brackish fish species, anatomy. Adapted FL FWC Fishing Activity Workbook.
 - Follow on Lesson – Backyard bass – how to use a rod and reel
 - Follow on Lesson – BIG HOOK fishing knots, “Fishing Knots All Kids Need To Know” booklet
 - Follow on Lesson – Gyotaku, the traditional Japanese method of printing fish, a practice, which dates back to the mid-1800s.
- ✓ Talkin’ Turkey – North American Wild Turkey Species including turkey call hands-on activity, call making. Resources from NWTF
- ✓ The Bear Facts – FL FWC “Bear Aware” Lesson
 - Follow on Lesson – Making Tracks – Casting plaster casts of animal tracks in silicone molds
- ✓ Creatures of Habitat – Lessons adapted from Project Wild (Habitat Circles) and Project Learning Tree (Every Tree for Itself)
- ✓ Quiz Bowl – An assessment knowledge gained of previous lessons, plus a brief survey