



Nature Hike Program

Camp Counsellor Instructions

Camper Instructions:

1. Gather campers in a semi circle
2. Split campers into groups of 2-6, give each group a clipboard, pencils, paper, identification key and collection box
3. Explain to campers that the goal of the activity is to sketch and collect nature to show all our friends – there will be a presentation
4. Further advise on what not to touch or collect
5. Give groups 40 mins to go gather materials for their presentation to the larger group
6. After everyone returns, give groups 5 minutes to prepare their presentation
7. One at a time, allow groups to present their findings to the larger group
8. Give participants the opportunity to place all their materials back where they found them

How to be One with Nature:

What can I collect:

- Pine Cones
- Leaves
- Grass
- Dandelions
- Bugs
- Bones (With a glove)
- Rocks
- (No ecological disturbance)

What can I not collect:

- Living Organisms (Do a Sketch!)
- Objects that may hurt me
- Stuff that hurts nature (ex. Stripping Bark)

During Presentations, I will:

- Be Respectful and courteous
- Not touch until I am asked/told
- Encouraging of all
- Enthusiastic
- Always look at the objects as if their new discoveries

Note: At least one counsellor/adult per group

Be Safe, Have Fun!

Summary:

The Program: Nature Identification Course

Section Specific?: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

Program Time: 1.5 Hour

Location: McEwan's Landing

Equipment (In Nature Hike Box):

1. Identification Key
2. Pencils/Paper (For Sketching Discoveries)
3. Clipboards
4. Collection Box
5. Stand (For Presenting)

Set Up Instructions:

1. Grab the Nature Hike Box
2. Split participants into groups of 2-6
3. Give each group a identification guide, clipboards, pencils and paper
4. Explain to participants the objective of the activity – sketching and collecting nature to show with all our friends
5. Advise participants of what not to collect given associated risks
6. Give participants 40 mins to go find their materials to present to the group

Safety Notes:

- Presentations are outside, be prepared for weather with hats, water and sunscreen.
- Advise participants not to touch any objects that could potentially cause illness, injury or disturb the natural environment
- Ensure you wash your hands after a presentation if you have been handling props or samples from the kits.