



PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR TEACHERS KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

SENSATIONAL SENSES

Overview

Animals communicate with each other in many ways, using all of their senses. They use a wide range of vocalizations, display the full spectrum of colors, and leave an array of scents to make their messages clear. This field trip is designed to highlight some of these messages and explore what they mean.

Objectives

Students will:

1. Learn to observe using multiple senses
2. Label different behaviors and physical characteristics that animals use to communicate
3. Identify at least one local plant and animal that reside in the Central Arizona Highlands

Before Coming to Highlands Center you will receive online links for the Teacher Primer containing key information for you.

Field Trip Learning Components

Introduction

We begin the program with a puppet show starring some of the local animals to explain the different ways they communicate in the forest. The show sets the tone for the rest of the visit.

Smell & Tell Trail (SMELL)

Students participate in a fun and physical activity of discovering and interpreting hidden scents in the forest. They will use scent to explore the social dynamics of forest inhabitants. Animal behavior is reenacted and discussed.

I Spy With My Nature Eye (SIGHT/COLOR)

Students locate hidden animals in the forest and discover which animals are trying to hide (to hunt or escape from a hunter) or stand out (to attract or warn) based on their appearance and

color.

Huddle or Hide? (SOUND)

Students explore the role of sound in communication by actively listening to various animal sounds and interpreting their message. Students role play animal responses and make their own sounds. Animal behavior is reenacted and discussed.

Mystery Match (TOUCH)

Students explore the forest with their sense of touch, and are guided to discover and learn about two different plants that live in the forest. They feel a collection of mystery specimens in a bag and try to find a match along the trail.

Free Play!

Students have an opportunity to spend time in our Forest Play area for some unstructured outdoor fun. They get to play on our Rock Sculpture, Giant Spider Web, Balance Beam, in the Sand Pit, and crawl through our special kid-only Secret Tunnel.

Conclusion

Students gather in our amphitheater at the end of lessons to regroup and have a fun formalized send off.

If you have any questions regarding the program or payment policies, please call our Education Office at 776-9550