



Kid Stuff

Nurturing Nature

In this month's Kid Stuff, we ask a question, challenge you to fun activities, and show you what some Liberty Wildlife Kids are doing on campus.



WHAT IF THE BUGS DISAPPEARED?



Bugs may be small, but they have big jobs.

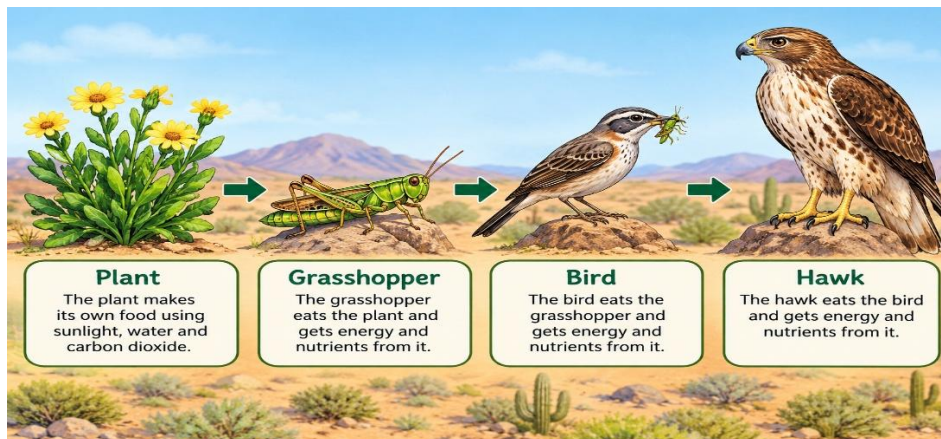
- Some pollinate plants
- Some help recycle dead material
- Many provide food for other animals.

If bugs disappeared, many plants and animals would struggle to survive!

This is a food chain. Each one is connected to the next one.

If you put your hand over one picture what do you think happens to the food chain?

What happens to the others in the food chain?



Insects are everywhere! Which ones live in your neighborhood?

ACTIVITY #1 Go on a BUG HUNT! How many of these bugs can you find? Be sure not to disturb them!

Butterfly ☐ Grasshopper ☐ Moth ☐ Ant ☐ Fly ☐ Beetle ☐



Help nature by helping bugs!

ACTIVITY 2
Build an Insect Hotel
Insects need places to rest, hide and raise babies. You can create a simple habitat!

An illustration of a metal can lying on its side, filled with hollow plant stems and natural materials like sticks and pinecones. The can is surrounded by green leaves and yellow flowers.

You will need:

- Clean can or small box
- Sticks, pinecones, bark
- Hollow plant stems (like bamboo or reeds)
- Leaves or dried grass
- String or tape (optional)

- 1 Collect natural materials.
- 2 Pack them loosely into the can or box.
- 3 Place it in a quiet, shady spot.
- 4 Check back later. What insects move in?

NEWS FROM LIBERTY WILDLIFE KIDS!*

Three youth clubs held their first meetings this month. Superheroes (grades k – 3), Nature Explorers (grades 4 – 6/7), and Teens (grades 7/8 – 12).

This month we highlight two clubs with the help of the Youth Program Supervisor, Hilah Torres.

Nature Explorers

The pre-teens involved in our Nature Explorers program have been working on some mindful Nature Journaling. Each week, they have been up close and personal with some of our education ambassadors; an American Kestrel, A Black Spiny Iguana, a Desert Tortoise, a Barn Owl, and a Bald Eagle- wow! After the encounter, we invite Explorers to ask questions about the animal and bridge it into their journals. These journals are filled with drawings and notes from the prompts asking them what they noticed, what they wonder, and what it reminds them of. Each pre-teen has “adopted” a plant to watch during the week- noting all of the changes seen week by week. It’s good practice for us all to slow down and think about the earth around us.



Nature Explorers with Lisa and Henry the barn owl ambassador.

Teens

Our teen volunteers have had an incredible month kicking off the start of our “busy season”. Our returning teens have had opportunities to learn about our new animal ambassadors in our mammal area to speak to the public about. They have been doing a fantastic job supporting all of our new teens for their first year at Liberty Wildlife and have been showing them the ropes on engaging with the public about the difference we make. Our weekend education and hand feed team have been supportive by introducing them to our birds of prey and showing them ways to give the most impactful presentations. Stay tuned to see some special projects our teens are working on!



New teen club member with Speedy the desert tortoise ambassador.

Puzzles!

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