

Scavenging for Species

Crafting instructions for a wildlife scavenger hunt

Activity Time: Approx. 2 hours, family-friendly, K-8

<u>Materials:</u>

- Wildlife replicas or figurines (such as Legos, Playmobil, Safari Toobs, Play-Doh/Modeling Clay, etc.)
- Base for each wildlife piece: tree cookies, rocks, or branches
- Table cloth or placemat
- Fine point black marker, sharpie •
- Basket

Steps to Create Wildlife Pieces:

- 1. Gather supplies. If possible, try to use natural materials from the outdoors and wildlife replicas/figurines already on-hand or that you can make yourself with Play-Doh/modeling clay. Examples pictured are Safari Toobs replicas.
- 2. Find <u>wildlife facts</u> for each species you have. Using the marker write facts on the bottom of each tree cookie or onto cardstock paper to be glued on the base of a rock, branch, etc. Can also attach gift tags make your own using scissors, hole punch, and twine.
- 3. Cover work space with table cloth or placemat. Review <u>safety tips</u>, then carefully using the glue gun, glue wildlife replicas to base of your choice. If needed, glue paper wildlife facts or attach gift tag.
- 4. Add embellishments such as moss or other décor.

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- Glue gun and protective tray (adult supervision advised)
- Glue sticks
- Cardstock paper or gift tags (if using rocks or branches)
- Scissors, hole punch, twine (if needed for tags)
- Embellishments (optional): moss, pebbles, pinecones, etc.



American beavers mustgnaw on trees to keep their teeth from getting too long.

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- 5. Count number of wildlife pieces, then hide them in your backyard, neighborhood, on a deck, etc.
- 6. Invite friends and family to play. Set participants loose with a basket to hunt down wildlife. Make sure they've all been found.

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- 7. Gather together and read aloud wildlife facts so everyone can learn something new.
- 8. Recognize or award prizes for most species found, predator-prey matches, hardest to find, same animal family, species that share a habitat/ecosystem, etc.
- 9. Give thanks for a successful wildlife hunt!



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