

Week 2 Virtual Camp Sampler

(Ages 8-12)



**METROPARKS
TOLEDO**

MONDAY

Habitat Hunt: All living things have basic needs which they find in the environment in which they live. This environment is called a habitat. See if you can find some of the basic needs below in your own backyard or at a park.



Food: Bird Feeder



Water: Bird Bath



Shelter: Rock Pile or Wall



Food: Flowers in Bloom



Water: Pond



Shelter: Shrubs



Food: Sap from a Tree



Water: Butterfly Puddling Area



Shelter: Log Pile

TUESDAY

Nature's Nursery: Nature's Nursery Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Education provides medical care to injured, orphaned or ailing wild animals and teaches children and adults about co-existing with Northwest Ohio wildlife. Check out this video to learn more.

URL: <https://youtu.be/YUI4CC2pPXo>

WEDNESDAY

What would you do? Read through the wildlife scenarios below and ask yourself what you would do in each situation to help be a good steward to wildlife.



It's May and you are walking along a trail at a park. You spy a deer fawn all alone in the brush near the trail? You don't see the mother deer anywhere! What would you do?

Did you know that for the first 2 weeks of their life fawns have virtually no body odor? At times their mother's will leave them unattended while she forages for food. By doing this she doesn't attract predators to her baby. The fawns instinctively know to lay nice and quiet while their mother is gone. You don't need to do anything to help wildlife in this case, simply continue on your walk.



You discover an eastern cottontail rabbit nest in your yard and you are concerned because you have a dog. You don't want your dog to disturb the nest. You think that maybe you should move the nest to keep it safe. What would you do?

The mom may not come back to the nest if you move it. Try using a laundry basket to protect the nest when your dog is out. Place the laundry basket on the nest and weigh it down with something heavy.



A strong windstorm blew a bird nest out of the tree in your yard. You find the nest and some eggs on the ground! The eggs don't appear to be broken but the nest looks ruined. What would you do?

Put the nest and eggs in a plastic container with holes in the bottom or a hanging basket and put it back up in the same place that it fell from. If it is not safe for you to get the nest back up, call Nature's Nursery to be advised on the next steps.

THURSDAY

Nature Journal: A fun way to write about something you have observed outdoors is to make up a poem. Cinq means five and a cinquain (sin-kane) has five lines with a limited amount of words or syllables. It is also considered shape poetry since the author starts with one word, builds up to 4 words and ends with just one word. Read this sample and then fill in the blanks and make your own simple poem:

- Squirrel (1 noun)
- Brown fluffy (2 adjectives)
- Scurrying chattering digging (3 verbs ending with "ing")
- Acrobatics make me laugh (4 words feeling phrase)
- Mammal (1 word summary)

FRIDAY

Metroparks Word Search:

Metroparks are special, natural places that are home to many different wild plants and animals. Can you find all the Metropark words hidden below?



Discover Your Metroparks

o a k o p e n i n g s e c o r
 s a u s u m e t r o p a r k e
 t c e s n i a l p d o o l f g
 a j k h t r o w s n r a f u n
 b w a a s i f i s a v a n n a
 i s n b i v r l w k e e m n r
 r d s i l e o d a j c a n a l
 d o r t a r g f n p n a i u b
 n o q a r f j l c r e s l e d
 o w e t u o m o r a d i n b n
 p d f q t s y w e i i d a q a
 c l a y a s s e e r v e e k s
 q i s l n i q r k i o c l p e
 v w i l d l i f e e r u c y n
 n o s r a e p w p p t f m j

Find and circle the words from the list below.

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| Bats | Insect | Sand |
| Bend View | Metropark | Savanna |
| Bird | Naturalist | Secor |
| Black Swamp | Oak Openings | Side Cut |
| Canal | Pearson | Snake |
| Clay | Pond | Swan Creek |
| Clean | Prairie | Wildflower |
| Dune | Providence | Wildlife |
| Farnsworth | Ranger | Wildwood |
| Floodplain | River | Woods |
| Fossil | Safe | |
| Frog | | |
| Fun | | |
| Habitat | | |

