

# Week 8 Virtual Camp Sampler

(Ages 3-4)

## MONDAY

**The Pollinator Puppet Show:** Check out this puppet show titled My Buddy the Bee and see how important pollinators are to our natural world. Plus learn how to create a bee home with items found around your house.

<https://youtu.be/AAMYj54HtTw>

## TUESDAY

**Surviving the Oak Savanna:** Plants living in Oak savannas in Northwest Ohio have had to adapt to harsh weather conditions. One of these adaptations is a long root system which helps during the summertime when it rains less and the water table lowers. Cut pieces of yarn or string and compare the root length of some of these plants that call the Oak savanna home.



Wild Lupine  
30 inches



Rattlesnake Master  
60 inches



Big Bluestem  
45 inches



Indian Grass  
60 inches



Prairie Dock  
90 inches

## WEDNESDAY

**Box Turtles!** The Eastern box turtle is Ohio's most terrestrial turtle. Aside from the loss of habitat, a significant threat to Ohio's box turtles is the danger they face when crossing the road. Check out the video below to learn more about Lefty the box turtle who makes its home at Nature's Nursery.

<https://youtu.be/sLwVjcoOu4I>

## THURSDAY

**Spiders!** Harvestmen species (Daddy-long legs) are common to see on the sandy trails in the Oak Openings Region. Sing this song to learn more about them and then make up your own song about another species of wildlife that you enjoy watching in your backyard or at a Metropark. Have someone help you write down the lyrics below or in your nature journal.



### The Daddy-Long-Legs Song

*(To the tune of 'Frosty the Snowman,' with lyrics by Kim High Metroparks Master Naturalist)*

Opiliones,  
Spiders they are not!  
They have no fangs, and they eat dead things,  
And they help our woods a lot...  
But Opiliones,  
Is a very stuffy name,  
So call them Daddy-Long-Legs or  
Your friends might call you lame!  
Daddy-Long-Legs don't spin webs,  
And Daddy's do not bite.  
But they scurry through the summer woods  
Causing 'rachniphobic' fright!  
Opiliones,  
Is a very stuffy name.  
So call them Daddy-Long-Legs or  
Your friends might call you lame!

## FRIDAY

### Paper Plate Snake Craft:

Materials: 2 paper plates, 1 container of green paint, 1 rectangle piece of bubble wrap, glue, scissors, 2 googly eyes, 1 2ft. piece of thread, 1 1-2in., piece of red construction paper (this will be the snake's tongue).

- Paint the plate: Take the rectangular piece of bubble wrap and wrap it around a pencil or your hand. You might need a glue dot or tape to secure it in place. Dip the bubble wrap into the paint on the paper plate palette. Spread the paint around on the piece of bubble wrap. Next stamp your bubble wrap on the back or front of the plate evenly coating the entire plate surface in dots. These are your snake's scales! Set aside to let dry for a couple of hours.
- Cut the plate into a spiral: After the paint has dried completely, take your scissors and cut your painted plate into a spiral. You might need a parent's help! Leave a rounded "head" at the end of the spiral. Now you have created your snake's body!
- Glue eyes onto the snake's head: Next, use glue to stick the eyes on your snake's head. Yay! Your snake can see!
- Make and attach the snake tongue: Now, take your scissors and cut a triangle out of one end of your red, rectangular piece of construction paper. Put a dot of glue on the other end of the "tongue" and stick it to the back of the snake's head.
- Make your snake move: Last, take the 2ft long piece of thread, and tie to the top of your snake's head. Now, your snake is alive! Have fun with your new pet snake!

