



## **CRITTER CAMP DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE (RISING 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS)**

Below are descriptions of our daily themes and activities. The focus of the week is learning through exploration and discovery. Sites visited throughout the week include: Lair 'o the Bear, Lookout Mountain Nature Center, walking field trip to local farm, and Mount Falcon Park.

### **MONDAY: HUMANS & ANIMALS INTERACTING/FRIENDSHIP & RESPECT**

Today campers spend the day at the Fairgrounds and time will be spent making new friends and getting to know each other through games and teambuilding activities.

We will also:

- Make a Critter Journal that will be used all week to record our activities.
- Create a camp t-shirt
- Discover hidden objects on the “un-nature trail”
- See chicks hatch
- Story time



### **TUESDAY: WILD ANIMALS & THEIR HABITATS/MAKING DECISIONS & COMMUNICATION**

Today our focus is on wild critters, specifically those that live in Colorado. The highlight of the day will be a field trip for the volunteer lead Wildlife Messages program.

Other activities include:

- Scavenger hunt in the woods
- Play the Fox and Mice camouflage game
- Explore wild animal adaptations
- Create paper-bag wild animal puppets and a puppet show
- Story time

### **WEDNESDAY: FLYING ORGANISMS/LISTENING**

Today we will encounter a variety of flying critters. The day starts with a field trip and ends with Wings of Wonder presenting their **Wild Wings program** featuring real birds of prey, and fun bat facts.

A sampling of the day's activities:

- Bird search with binoculars
- “Human Camera” activity
- Make a bird feeder
- Story time





#### **THURSDAY: INSECTS/COOPERATION & FEELING COMFORTABLE IN A GROUP**

Today we'll be back at the Fairgrounds for the day and spend the day investigating the tiniest of critters – Insects!

- Activities for the day include:
- Becoming detectives as we figure out an insect “who-dunit?”
- Compare aquatic and terrestrial insects
- Create our own insects
- Take a micro-hike
- Story time

#### **FRIDAY: RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS & ORGANISMS/HELPING OTHERS & WORKING WELL WITH OTHERS**

We have a field trip this morning discovering all the wonderful critters that live in a riparian habitat. Some of today's activities:

- Stream exploration
- Alphabet scavenger hunt
- Dress like a frog relay race
- Make our own terrariums
- Story time

