Scavenger Hunt

Suggested Number of Volunteers: 1

Materials in Activity Tub:
• clip boards
• copies of scavenger hunt
• pens or markers

Materials Provided by the Group:
• prizes (optional)

Objectives
Students will:
1. Learn how to use observation skills to see details in nature.
2. Learn to look at nature in new ways and find nature in “new” places.

Background:
Whether you plan a career in banking or as a wildlife biologist, observation skills are vital to success. When young, most children have an innate sense of wonder and thrive on making new observations. And, yet, many people do not develop their observation skills. This activity helps people of all ages take a deeper look at nature and the environment while working on observation skills.

When people learn to use their observation skills, they will begin to see nature in many places – parks, their backyard, parking lots, busy city streets, and on farms or ranches.

Procedure:

Before the Activity
Place clip boards, scavenger hunts, and pens or markers on the table to be prepared for participants.

The Activity
1. As participants approach the station, ask if they would like to participate in a scavenger hunt. If they would, give them a clip board with a copy of the scavenger hunt and a pen or marker. Send them on their way.
2. Instruct participants to return when they have completed the scavenger hunt for a prize (optional, provided by the group).