



CRITTER CAMP DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE (RISING 3RD 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 a **HawkQuest birds of prey program** featuring real birds of prey.

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

