



Junior Naturalists

1st Grade

Here at Red Butte Garden, we believe learning is fun and can happen anytime, anywhere. To help continue the fun at home, we've included an outline of the topics we'll study this week at camp as well as a list of additional activities, books, and other resources related to this week's theme. We hope you'll use this to engage with your camper and keep the learning process happening all summer long! Thanks for coming to Summer Camp, and we'll see you soon at the Garden!

Camp Theme

In this partner camp with the Natural History Museum we'll explore the Garden from the various viewpoints of our Garden inhabitants. Each day we'll focus on a different Garden dweller, and its perception of the natural world. Be sure to ask your camper about the topics the following topics we will cover:

- **Trees:** Characteristics of trees and how they help us
- **Birds:** Explore the birds in the Garden and find out how they use their beaks
- **Raccoons:** Create a raccoon disguise and explore the Garden from a raccoon's perspective
- **Seeds:** Learn how seeds move about and travel through the natural world
- **Ants:** "Shrink" down to the size of an ant and explore from an ant's eye view

Extended Activity Ideas

- Explore different types of bird beaks in this fun activity
 - <http://tinyurl.com/BirdBeakActivity>
- Collect and examine different flowers and seed pods from trees
 - <http://tinyurl.com/FlowersSeeds>
- Create bubble wrap tree art
 - <http://tinyurl.com/BubbleWrapTree>
- Create an ant's eye view exploration day complete with oversized yard games like garden jenga.

Extended Theme Resources

- *Hey, Little Ant* by Phillip M. Hoose
- *Fine Feathered Friends* by Tish Rabe