



Scavenging for Species

Crafting instructions for a wildlife scavenger hunt

Activity Time: Approx. 2 hours, family-friendly, K-8

Materials:

- Wildlife replicas or figurines (such as Legos, Playmobil, Safari Toobs, Play-Doh/Modeling Clay, etc.)
- Base for each wildlife piece: tree cookies, rocks, or branches
- Table cloth or placemat
- Fine point black marker, sharpie
- Basket
- Glue gun and protective tray (adult supervision advised)
- Glue sticks
- Cardstock paper or gift tags (if using rocks or branches)
- Scissors, hole punch, twine (if needed for tags)
- Embellishments (optional): moss, pebbles, pinecones, etc.

Steps to Create Wildlife Pieces:

1. Gather supplies. If possible, try to use natural materials from the outdoors and wildlife replicas/figurines already on-hand or that you can make yourself with Play-Doh/modeling clay. Examples pictured are Safari Toobs replicas.
2. Find [wildlife facts](#) for each species you have. Using the marker write facts on the bottom of each tree cookie or onto cardstock paper to be glued on the base of a rock, branch, etc. Can also attach gift tags - make your own using scissors, hole punch, and twine.
3. Cover work space with table cloth or placemat. Review [safety tips](#), then carefully using the glue gun, glue wildlife replicas to base of your choice. If needed, glue paper wildlife facts or attach gift tag.
4. Add embellishments such as moss or other décor.





5. Count number of wildlife pieces, then hide them in your backyard, neighborhood, on a deck, etc.
6. Invite friends and family to play. Set participants loose with a basket to hunt down wildlife. Make sure they've all been found.
7. Gather together and read aloud wildlife facts so everyone can learn something new.
8. Recognize or award prizes for most species found, predator-prey matches, hardest to find, same animal family, species that share a habitat/ecosystem, etc.
9. Give thanks for a successful wildlife hunt!

