

What's the big idea

Forces of Nature



-  Short Activity
-  Long Activity
-  Potential Adventure Skills step
-  Potential Special Interest badge step



Friends of the Forest

Take some photos of Animals

Bring your pet to a meeting

Visit a Vet's clinic

Learn about an animal

After dark nature hike

Make an animal mask

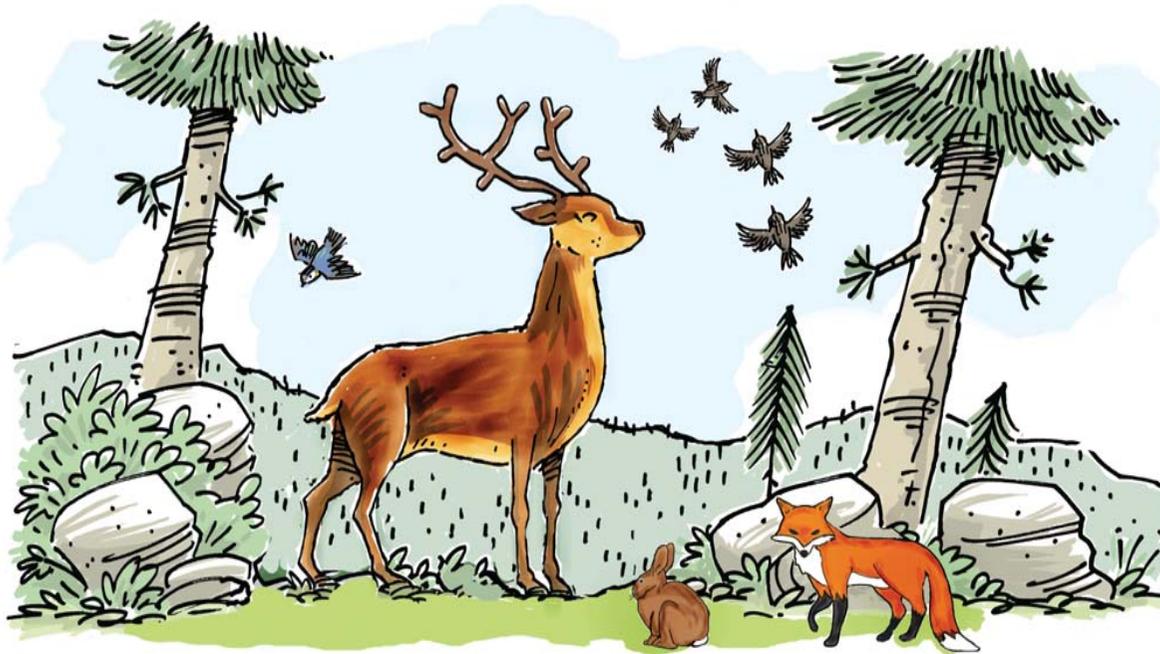
Follow a tracking trail

Learn about Leave No Trace

What's the big idea

The idea is the discovery and awareness of wildlife that is all around the Beaver Scouts. The adventure can be discovery based - visit a wildlife hide and wildlife sanctuary. Leading up to the adventure is the knowledge of different animals and birds.

The 'Tribe' Theme is connected by virtue of the fact that young 'warriors' will be out and about in the woods and will see and know these animals by sight. They treat them as friends because they share the forest and woods together and are part of the same circle of life.



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Ideas on what to do

Plan

In the Lodges, have a chat about the Beaver Scouts favourite animals that live in the forests. Then chat about what animals they look after, like their pets. Ask any of the Beaver Scouts, who has a pet, to talk about the things they need to do to look after them. Plan a night where the Beaver Scouts can bring their pets down to a meeting.

Do

On the pet night it would be good to invite along parents as well as a local vet. The vet can go through some tips that will help the Beaver scouts when they are looking after their own pets.

Review

The following week, in the Lodges, ask the Beaver Scouts what they learnt and collected and what things they could do differently to be even nicer to their pets. Remind the Beaver Scouts that being nicer doesn't necessarily mean giving their pets things but doing things to look out for what is best for their pet.

Comments

Do a quick check on what pets are in the group before you ask them to bring them down as dangerous pets would not be suitable and leaving someone out isn't recommended

<http://www.ispca.ie/>

Resources

Contact details for local vet