

OUR ANIMAL NEIGHBORS

CLASSROOM KIT



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Kit Contents:

- (3) skulls (coyote, cat, and beaver or ground squirrel) and animal cards
- (5) tracks (opossum, coyote, woodpecker/blue jay, and mountain lion)
- (1) Habitat poster with hawk, bobcat, squirrel, rabbit, and deer
- (4) mystery skull laminated handouts
- (5) laminated hawks
- (1) Student worksheet folder
- (5) habitat cards (tundra, forest, desert, ocean, and meadow)

Why do we provide this kit?

This activity kit is designed to familiarize your students with topics presented in the “Our Animal Neighbors” field trip, and to provide a depth of experience and opportunity to apply knowledge after the trip. The activities within this kit will give your students a better understanding of such topics as **adaptations**, **habitat**, and **food webs** using unique artifacts and hands-on exploration.

How does it work?

We recommend that these activities are done in the order that they are presented, for a more comprehensive understanding of relevant concepts. However, the activities are not mutually exclusive, and the concepts of any given activity can be effectively communicated on an individual basis. These activities can be adjusted to different age or learning groups by adjusting the level and amount of reading and

writing, and choosing appropriate vocabulary. For example, if you feel that there are too many words for a younger age group, focus more on observational learning; included worksheets can be omitted.

Conversely, if you feel as though your students could benefit from more written analyses, feel free to assign the extensional writing prompts provided with particular activities, which help to further understanding and scientific observational skills.