BC SRC 2020: Explore Our Universe!

Programs - Ages 9-12, Theme 2: Home Base! Planet Earth, animals, the environment

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Introduction (5 min): Who am I?

- Pin animal name card on back of each child. Children must ask yes/no questions of others to guess their animal (eg. Do I have 4 legs?) until they guess their animal. At end, display animal name cards to group and ask what is common (all are BC animals).

- You may wish to have kids do this activity in pairs to make sure everyone knows what to do and that nobody is left alone without anyone to interact with.

Activity (10 min): Animal census: Take children outside and have them identify all animal life in set area. Children list and compare lists after 5 minutes. Name other animals found in BC

Story (20 min): Beastly Puzzles by Rachel Poliquin

- Have children guess the animal described on each page, then show answer on next page
- After first animal is identified, go back and draw attention to attributes on description page that helped them guess.

Activity (25 min): Beastly Puzzle Pictures

1. Children draw and color their own beastly puzzle
2. Children share their puzzle with the group and others guess the animal

Alternative program (if no access to Beastly Puzzles book):

Story (10 min): animal book that involves guessing based on clues

Activity (20 min): What’s my animal? Pictures

1. Children draw and color an animal picture
2. Cut a small square hole in another piece of paper the size of the animal picture
3. Cover the animal picture so only a small part of the picture is showing
4. Group guesses what animal is behind the paper

Activity (10 min): Animal census

1. Go outside and mark off an area
2. Children observe and identify animals (and plants) in the area
3. Bring group together to compare