

NATURE ADVENTURE

ACTIVITY CARDS

🌿 AGES 2-6 🌿

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*Use these cards as
inspiration to get out into
nature and have some fun
with family and friends!*

*You will find four cards, each with
different activity suggestions
relating to insects, bugs & spiders!*

1 LEAP IN!

*A simple adventure you can go on
in almost any outdoor location –
from the park, to your own yard or
balcony.*

2 PLAY ON!

Bring out the creative side in you!

3 SPEAK UP!

*You and your family (and friends!)
can play with words, tell about
adventures, or even make up a song!*

4 GREEN UP!

*Stewardship is the theme here,
and in this activity, you will help
animals or local areas thrive
because of what you do!*

HAVE FUN!



INSECTS, BUGS & SPIDERS

1

LEAP IN!
AGES 2-6

GO ON A BUG SCAVENGER HUNT

Sometimes the best way to discover the bugs in your area is to get on their level. Get down on your hands and knees. Peer up into trees. This is part of the fun! Try one of these simple activities for an up close and personal visit with a bug:

1

Find an ant and follow it on its journey. Try to find an anthill or another ant home. Observe.

2

Look for a ladybug and let it crawl on you.

3

Find a spider web. (Tree branches are a great place to look.) See if you can find any hint of what the spider has trapped for prey... and find the spider itself!

4

Carefully flip over a rock, branch or log to see what bugs are crawling underneath. Be sure to carefully return it to its original place.



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ACT LIKE A BUG!

Get your acting skills ready—it's time for bug charades! Go through the bugs on this list and try acting them out to your family or friends. If they can't guess what you are right away, then give them some clues. Try some of your own favorite bugs, too. This activity is even more fun outside!

- CENTIPEDE
- LADYBUG
- ANT
- SCORPION
- CRICKET
- SPIDER
- GRASSHOPPER
- BEE
- BEETLE
- FLY



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SING OUT!
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THE VERY HUNGRY...

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle describes an unusual menu for this very hungry bug. Does a caterpillar really eat cupcakes? Ice cream? Of course not! Now it's your chance to explore the facts and fiction of bug diets.

Start by picking a bug of your choice and find out what it really eats. Then make up your own "very hungry" bug story. Be as silly as you like, but be sure to tell your family and friends which parts of the diet were real and which were silly!



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GREEN UP!
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CREATE A BUG HOME

Do you want to make a home for your local bugs? It's fun and easy! Here's how:

step 1

Go outdoors and gather up sticks, twigs, fallen leaves, and other loose objects in nature. You should be able to find plenty of natural items on the ground, so please do *not* pull bark off trees or otherwise hurt nature.

step 2

Once you have the items, find a safe area where you can pile them all up, maybe under a shrub or in a grouping of trees. Many insects love to use brush piles like this to hide in or use as their homes.

step 3

Your work is done. Now you just wait for the bugs to arrive. Visit your Bug Home every once in a while, but try not to disturb the bugs inside. Also, if your pile gets knocked over or destroyed, don't worry, just build it up again! Don't forget to take a picture!