

# 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 reptiles!*

## 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!

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# LEAP IN!

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### REPTILES

## LOOKING FOR LIZARDS (AND OTHER REPTILES)

*Did you know that lizards and snakes live in every state except Alaska? Even though these cold-blooded vertebrates, along with fellow reptile the turtle, are in habitats across the country they aren't so easy to find. Here are some tips:*

### step 1

Go online or get a book from the library to find out which reptiles are in your area. Look at pictures of these reptiles so you know what you're looking for.

### step 2

Go for a walk. Shhhh...loud noises will scare the animals back into their homes. Or walk to a nature location, have a seat or stand still, and be patient.

### step 3

Keep your eyes open. Snakes like to sun themselves on rocks and turtles catch rays on logs in the water. Frogs are masters at blending into ponds. Lizards seek shelter when it is really hot so they will be more active in the morning and hiding in trees and under bushes mid-day.

### step 4

If you spot a reptile, try to take a photo of it. Or draw a picture. Tell a friend or family member about your great discovery. No luck? Visit a pet store or zoo, or try again another day!

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PLAY ON!

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## REPTILES

# PLAY A GAME OF SNEAKY SNAKE

*This game is similar to the classic games of "hot and cold" and "hide-and-seek." Here's how to play:*

### step 1

First, pick someone to be the "sneaky snake." The sneaky snake takes a small object (such as a stuffed animal, a coin, or even a children's book) and hides it somewhere outside. The other people can't look.

### step 2

Now the fun begins. When the sneaky snake says it's time, the other people go outside and look for the hidden object. Don't worry . . . they have a little help, too. The sneaky snake can tell them whether they are "hot" (getting closer to the object) or "cold" (getting farther away from the object).

### step 3

Once the object is found, the person who found it gets a turn being the sneaky snake. You can keep this going as long as you want! If the object is a book, take a few minutes to sit together and read!



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SING OUT!  
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## REPTILES

# 1, 2, 3 REPTILES

*Make a counting book about some form of reptile life. It's as easy as 1-2-3!*

*step 1*

Make a little book with 10 pages, plus 1 for the cover. You can staple or tie the pages together.

*step 2*

Pick a reptile subject that's easy to count—for example, different kinds of lizards, the number of stripes on a snake, or different things that turtles do.

*step 3*

Now use one page to represent each number. For example, "One turtle napping. Two turtles swimming." Be sure to include great pictures!

*step 4*

When you're done, read your reptile counting book with friends or your family.

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GREEN UP!  
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## REPTILES

# CREATE A REPTILE ROCK PILE

*Lizards, snakes, and other reptiles all love rock piles. They make a great place to lie in the sun or hide from predators. Here's how to create a reptile-friendly rock pile in your neighborhood:*

*step 1*

Gather up rocks from your backyard or in nearby areas. Make sure to take only rocks that are available. You don't want to borrow them from someone's garden or landscaping.

*step 2*

Find the perfect location for the rock pile. It's probably best to place it somewhere out of the way, perhaps behind a shed or at the side of a building.

*step 3*

Pile up the rocks, starting with the big ones on the bottom, getting smaller as you go up to the top. Ta-da! You just made a great escape for reptiles!

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