



## Nature Explorers

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Here at Red Butte Garden, we believe learning is fun and can happen anytime, anywhere. To help continue the fun at home, we've included an outline of the topics we'll study this week at camp as well as a list of additional activities, books, and other resources related to this week's theme. We hope you'll use this to engage with your camper and keep the learning process happening all summer long! Thanks for coming to Summer Camp, and we'll see you soon at the Garden!

#### CAMP THEME

This week at camp we'll explore ecosystems found at the Garden. Each day we'll focus on a different ecosystem, learning both its characteristics and how the living organisms unique to that ecosystem interact with each other. Be sure to ask your camper about:

- **Monday** – Riparian ecosystem, Living organisms, ecosystem characteristics
- **Tuesday** – Desert ecosystem, Living organisms, ecosystem characteristics
- **Wednesday** – Freshwater ecosystem, Living organisms, ecosystem characteristics
- **Thursday** – Forest ecosystem, Living organisms, ecosystem characteristics
- **Friday** – Your ecosystem, Living organisms, ecosystem characteristics

#### ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Print out, color, and cut Ecosystem Cootie Catchers
  - <http://www.mytoysandmore.net/ctp2647-samplepages.pdf>
- Play online "StudyJams" about ecosystems
  - <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/activity/ecosystems-11-studyjams-interactive-science-activities>
- Create your own or print out ecosystem bingo
  - <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Game-Biome-Ecosystem-bingo-87255>
- Go on a nature hike and observe the interactions between living organisms and their environment.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *What if There Were No Bees?* by Suzanne Slade
- *Exploring Ecosystems! An Environmentally Friendly Coloring Book* by Michael Dutton
- *Cactus Hotel* by Brenda Z. Guiberson

