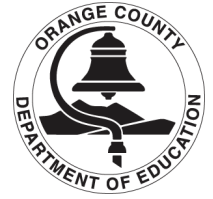




Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Have you ever wondered about the plants and animals that live in your neighborhood? Many people do not realize there is a lot of wildlife all around them! Below is a list of 10 tasks for you to do as you explore your neighborhood. Grab a family member or friend, a camera, a notepad and writing utensil, and have some fun! While out on this scavenger hunt, make observations using your senses, just as a Scientist would! Good luck!

1. Look for a leaf that has bite marks, or animal evidence, from a herbivore (plant eater). Draw this plant on your notepad.
2. Find a yellow flower and take a selfie with it!
3. Observe a bird flying in the sky for a few minutes. Think about what the bird is doing. Is it searching for food? Looking for a new place to land? What is your hypothesis? Write it in your notepad.
4. Find a plant that has pollinators on it. Count how many different pollinators you see. Write this number in your notepad.
5. Safely find an area in your backyard or neighborhood that has dirt with lots of rocks and leaves on top. Move the rocks and leaves around and see if you can find any wildlife. Do you see any worms, insects, or lizards? Draw a picture of them when you find them!
6. Find a tree that has fruit on it. Think about how the fruit formed. What important animals helped? Take a selfie with the fruit!
7. When you are walking on the sidewalk, you might notice the storm drains. Think about how trash in your community might end up in the storm drains. Where does it go next? Try to come up with ideas for how we can limit the pollution going into the storm drains. Write down your ideas onto your notepad.
8. When you are walking around your neighborhood, you might see people walking their dogs. Can dogs help seeds travel? Think about their fur. Write down your ideas about how dogs can help seeds travel.
9. Compare two leaves from different plants and/or trees. Draw them on your notepad. Think about why these leaves have different adaptations. How does the leaf shape help the plant survive?
10. Use your Scientist eyes and look for another sign of animal evidence; a clue that an animal has been around. Maybe it is a feather or scat (Science word for poop!). The animal evidence can be anything from an animal that you think is cool! Once you find it, draw a picture of it in your notepad.

If you have completed all 10 tasks of the Scavenger Hunt: Congratulations! Give yourself a high-five! Share what you discovered with a family member or friend. You are a Scientist!