

# Outdoor activities

Try these interest activities adaptable to outdoor programs:

## IDENTIFY TREES:

1. Prepare pieces of wood approximately 11"x8"; sand wood; drill holes for nails at the center of the top and bottom.
2. On board, trace leaf pattern and letter name of tree with a woodburner or carve letters.
3. Stain board. Attach to tree just above eye level.

## CREATE A FRIENDSHIP PATH IN A SCENIC AREA:

1. Cut a pattern out of the soil for a patio block with a sharp tool like an edger or an ice cutter — 16"x12"x1 1/2".
2. Pour ready-mix cement in this natural form; and as it begins to set, arrange a pattern of leaves or grasses.
3. Place the "artist's" initials in small letters in a lower corner.

## BIRD'S NEST TREASURE HUNT:

1. Take clippers with you so that you can cut the branch,

if necessary, to go with the treasure.

2. Spray nest with shellac to keep it intact.

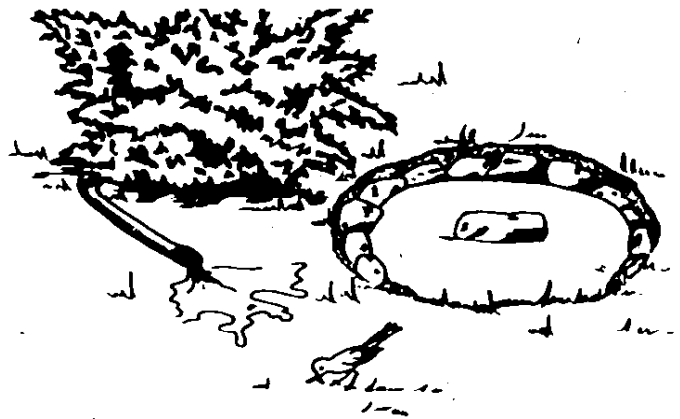
## MAKE A BIRD BATH:

1. Select a site near a shrub.
2. Make a dimple in the soil 6" to 8" deep, approximately 2 1/2 or 4' in diameter.
3. Line the circumference with stones as big as, if not larger than, a fist.
4. Create an island in the center with a large stone for birds to perch on.
5. Mix ready-mix cement in enough quantity to form a smooth bottom and up at least half way on the bordering stones to secure them.

## ESTABLISH A NATURE MUSEUM:

1. Use pictures as well as specimens collected on walks. Label in an interesting manner.
2. If the guests are camping there, plan to have some animal in a hutch in order to draw the people constantly to the area for continuing interest.

## PLASTER PARIS CASTS OF WILD



Mrs. Burlingame suggests 'pockets of beauty'

## FLOWERS AND LEAVES FOR DISPLAY:

1. These displays can be painted for additional interest. It would be wise to imprint the name of the specimen while the mixture is still wet.

## MAGNIFYING GLASS PROJECT:

1. From various types of trees secure rounds approximately 1" to 2" thick.
2. Sand them down on the upper and lower surfaces, varnish.
3. Identify the wood and count the years by the rings. Notice

the difference in width between the rings. This difference will explain the weather cycle of a particular year.

## TRAY LANDSCAPE:

1. Use a container that has a shallow lip like a pie tin.
2. Within this container make a scene using interesting stones, pebbles, driftwood, sand, small figures (they can be made out of pipe cleaners), moss from the woods, small twigs.
3. You can reproduce scenes from the Bible, history or other stories.

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