

Helping Habitats

Creative Expression



EXPLORE



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What You Will Discover

Animals and insects play an important role in our ecosystems, but some things we do can harm them. Learn about the different ways you can help by building homes for creatures in our urban communities.

The Adventure

Select an animal or insect to help and learn what kind of home you could build for them. There are many small projects which you could take on, including bird houses and bee hotels. You may be able to buy kits for some of these items, or may have to make them from scratch for an added challenge.



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It starts with Scouts.

Plan

- What animal or insect will you build a shelter for?
- Where will you find instructions or plans for your building?
- What tools will you need? What special skills will you need to learn to use them? Who can help you find out how to use these tools safely?
- Where will you put your creation after it's done?

Do

#ScoutsDoStuff: Take photos of your building process and your final product to inspire others!

Review

- How did your project turn out? How well did it match your expectations?
- If you were to make an animal habitat again, what would you do differently?
- How can you do this project again and get more people involved?

Safety Note

- How can you stay safe while building?
- How can you be safe while putting up your shelter?
- How can you be safe while checking your shelter for inhabitants?

Try this

Keep it Simple

Link with another Section in your Group for help with building the projects. Check on your project throughout the year to see if a creature has moved in. Just make sure you do this in a way that won't disturb any inhabitants!

Take it Further

Consider pairing up with a partner organization like a wildlife group or conservation authority to create a larger-scale project, like loon nesting platforms.

