



NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT – Ages 10-14

GUIDELINES: Select and complete a **MINIMUM OF 4** of these scavenger hunt projects. Complete the Scavenger Hunt Entry Form and attach it to your completed scavenger hunt list. All entries must be completed and turned in to KALB by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 to be entered into the drawing for prizes.

NAME: _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

NUMBER 1

Search for INSECTS buzzing around flowers. Observe the insects going from flower to flower. Check off all that you have seen/done:

I saw a bee wasp fly butterfly/moth hummingbird Other: _____

I researched how insects help our food to grow by moving pollen from flower to flower. You can use the following link: www.polinator.org

Tell us what you learned: _____

NUMBER 2

Take a walk in your neighborhood and pay attention to the trees along the way.

What kind of trees did you see? pine cedar magnolia oak maple
 elm tulip poplar sweet gum hickory other: _____

Need help with identification of a tree? www.arborday.org/trees/whattree/

What wildlife did you see in the trees? _____

[] NUMBER 3

Take a walk/bike ride/horseback ride along a trail in Limestone County. Here are a few suggestions: Swan Creek (behind Athens Middle School), Marbut Bend Walking Trail in West Limestone, Rails to Trails in Elkmonth, AL, or a trail of your choice.

What habitats did you see along the way? forest swamp stream
 river open field trail edge

What wildlife did you see in the habitats you checked?

[] NUMBER 4

Visit the Athens Saturday Market and look for fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, and arts and crafts.

Ask a farmer how he/she grows what he/she is selling. What was the farmer you spoke with selling?

If you bought something edible from the market, tell us how it tasted

Tell us what you learned about local farmers and/or the farmers market

[] NUMBER 5

Visit Big Spring Memorial Park in Athens. Take a stroll on the walkway around the pond. Take some quarters if you can and purchase duck food from the vending machines on either side of the pond.

Research feeding bread to the ducks. Here is a link you can use or just google feeding ducks bread: <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/the-buzz/dont-feed-ducks-geese-bread>

Is bread a good food choice for ducks and geese? [] Yes [] No

Look at the different kinds of ducks in the park and fish in the pond. Tell us about the different colors of fish and ducks you saw. Can you tell us any of the breeds of ducks you saw?

[] NUMBER 6

Research information about one invasive plant that grows in North Alabama.

[] I watched the following video that explains invasive plants and how they can harm our environment: <https://youtu.be/ZRypW94Gesw>

What plant did you research?

[] Bradford Pear [] Ivy [] Kudzu [] Privet [] Honeysuckle

[] Wild Roses [] Other: _____

Tell us why you think planting native plants rather than invasive plants is so important.
