

# Reid Park Zoo Nature Club

To participate in Nature Club, bring in natural items, stories, and artwork for Show & Tell. The goal of Nature Club is to encourage families to get outside and find new opportunities to experience nature. We hope to inspire our community to appreciate, understand, and value wildlife and wild places.

## Show & Tell Guidelines

- Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to join Nature Club.
- A maximum of 1 item may be shown per visit.
- No items can be physically brought in that are controlled by the Endangered Species Act, CITES, or any other state, federal, or international agreements (i.e. avian eggs, feathers, nests, etc.)
- No items can be collected on Zoo grounds, nor may any animal/plant items from our collection (live or dead) be brought to Show & Tell
- Photos, stories, poems, journal entries, art, etc. are okay.
- Never collect in areas where natural materials are protected or where rules clearly state that collecting is not allowed. This includes private property, national, state, and private parks/beaches, nature preserves like Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy, or other management areas. You may visit their websites for rules and regulations or speak with officials/staff at their locations. Don't be afraid to ask if you are not sure, we encourage you to build relationships with rangers and naturalists.
- No items that involve taxidermy, whether skins, furs, or mounted specimens may be brought in for Show & Tell.
- When collecting, choose your items carefully and respectfully. Leave lots of other natural items for other people to find.
- Collected items will be accepted for show & tell, based on legal, ethical, and sanitary conditions.

## Examples of Things You Can Bring for Show & Tell

- Photographs and drawings
- Sculptures
- Homemade books/stories/poems
- Castings and rubbings
- Rocks and fossils
- Seed pods and leaves
- Pressed plants, wood, and bark
- **Empty** homes – shells, cocoons, wasp nests
- Cast-offs – hair, teeth, antlers, snake skins,
- Bones – bones, turtle shells (must be clean!)
- Exoskeletons - crustaceans or insects

## Examples of Things You *Cannot* Bring for Show & Tell

- Native American Artifacts (e.g., arrowheads)
- Bird materials of any kind: examples include feathers, eggs, and nests
- Living plants and animals
- Any taxidermy items (e.g., mounted trophies, furs, pelts, skins, etc.)
- Things protected under state/federal laws (e.g., coral, horseshoe crabs, petrified wood, etc.)
- Road kill or similarly “gross” items (no dead animals – insects are OK)
- Materials from the family pet (domestic snake shed, etc.)
- Dinner Bones
- Items found at locations where collecting is not allowed (e.g., Audubon Society, certain State Parks/Beaches, Nature Conservancy areas)
- Items found on the grounds of Reid Park Zoo