

AUDUBON EDUCATORS SUGGEST...

The Audubon education team has years of experience engaging kids in outdoor explorations and summer camps. **HERE ARE SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES.**

CRITTERS

LIGHTNING BUGS

Head out into your yard or a favorite park to look for lightning bugs. See how many different species you can spot by looking for different colored lights or different flash series. It's a great game for the whole family.

- Laura Carberry, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

COUNTING CRABS

Watch tiny crabs scurry about at low tide at Audubon Touisset Marsh Wildlife Refuge in Warren. Sit on the boardwalk and look for their squiggly tracks in the mud.

- Kim Calcagno, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

BAT WATCH

Visit a wide-open space like Roger Williams Park or Slater Park as the sun is setting and look for bats zooming around looking for food. Many parks have summer concerts or outdoor movies and these are great for bat-spotting!

- Lisa Maloney, Audubon Educator

INSECT ID

This is the season to go out and look for insects! I love my Kaufman guides for identifying insects quickly and easily. They have a great butterfly and moth guide too.

- Tracey Hall, Audubon Educator



CRAFTS & GARDEN

NATURE BRACELETS

Grab some masking tape and make a loop around a child's wrist with the sticky side up. Have your little ones collect small flowers, grass or small leaves to attach and make bracelets. They will be excited to share what they have created.



- Laura Carberry, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

DANDELION DESIGNS

When I was a little girl, I loved to peel the stems of dandelions and drop them into a small pail of water. They would curl up into the most beautiful designs, depending on how I split them. Try it!

- Kim Calcagno, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

PLANT SUNFLOWERS!

If you plant sunflowers in a circle they make great hideaways for kids. In the fall the seeds make great snacks for you or the birds!

- Laura Carberry, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

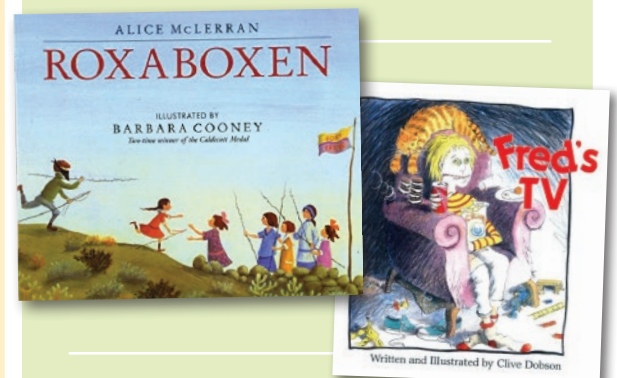


BOOKS

BUILDING FORTS

My favorite book to inspire children to build villages outdoors is *Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran and Barbara Clooney. In the story, children turn a hillside into their own town using rocks, crates, sand and their imagination. Endless hours of summer fun can be had building forts in the woods, miniature villages along the edges of streams, or hiding places in the garden.

- Lauren Parmelee, Senior Director of Education



MAKE A BIRDFEEDER

Read *Fred's TV* by Clive Dobson. It tells the story of a boy who discovers the wonders of his backyard birds when his TV breaks. Explore your backyard and make a bird feeder out of an old milk jug to see who comes to visit.

- Kim Calcagno, Audubon Naturalist and Refuge Manager

