

Common Senses

This week Nature Explorers discovered how their senses compare to those of the natural world. Campers entering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten explored the natural environment surrounding the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, NJ. Each day, campers focused on one of their 5 senses: sight, smell, touch, taste, and hearing. To find out how human senses compare to animal senses ask your camper!



Sense of Touch

In order to provide Nature Explorers with the opportunity to explore their sense of touch Mr. Dave introduced different textures by utilizing animal furs, deer antlers, snake skin, bird feathers, and clam shells. Campers used skills learned during the introduction in order to help Ms. Kelly and Ms. Vera find something smooth, rough, slimy, tickly, and prickly to complete their Nature Explorers texture books.



Ms. Kelly calling in the mystery bird.
Can you find...?

This Just In!

While on a hike, Nature Explorers discovered a new breed of birds. Rather than feathers, beaks, and hollow bones these birds seem to be made of laminated paper with unbelievable colors. A camper excitedly describes seeing a blue bird with orange dots. What is going on out there?!

Nature Explorers Interns

Join us each week as we feature one of our Nature Explorer Interns.

Rachel Prestigiacommo

We continue our series with Rachel Prestigiacommo. Her first experience with the Essex County Environmental Center (ECEC) was as a participant through her Girl Scout troop. Shortly after, Rachel began to help with the bug club and other ECEC activities. She has been a volunteer with the ECEC for 4 years and enjoys the time she spends outside working with students. Rachel is entering the 11th grade at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth High School. As she reaches the end of her High School career, Rachel has decided to pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Rounding out her summer vacation, Rachel will be joining her family on a 2 week trip to Kenya and Tanzania for their very first Safari experience!



Campers explore their sense of touch with Miss Rachel and Mr. David.

Booklist

This Week's *Hot Reads*:

1. The Listening Walk by Paul Showers
2. Animals and their Senses: Animal Hearing by Kirsten Hall
3. Animals and their Senses: Animal Taste by Kirsten Hall
4. Animals and their Senses: Animal Touch by Kirsten Hall
5. Animals and their Senses: Animal Sight by Kirsten Hall
6. Animals and their Senses: Animal Smell by Kirsten Hall