

Nature Near You

Journal Prompt:

Why do you choose to be outside?



Animal of the Week: Townsend's Chipmunk



The Townsend's chipmunk is part of the squirrel family and is found in coniferous forests in the southwestern region of BC. They are great climbers and seek out trees or burrows to hide from their predators. The colour of their fur blends in with the environment which also helps them camouflage from predators. During cold winters, they tend to hibernate but in milder winters, they can survive without hibernation. Next time you're on a hike, keep an eye out for these rodents!

At Home Activity: Nature Photo Frame

What you need:

- a photo
- 4 sticks
- string or yarn
- leaves or flowers
- scissors

Check out the how to video on our website!

How to:

1. Create a rectangle with the 4 sticks and lay them down on a surface with the photo in the middle.
2. Wrap the string multiple times around each corner where the sticks intersect.
3. Wrap extra string around the sides and thread in leaves or flowers to decorate the frame.
4. Create a loop with the string by tying two corners together. You can now place your photo in your frame and hang it up around your home!

Other Resources:

BC Wildlife Watching: Get your camera ready to spot popular animals around BC that start to emerge during the spring and summer months. HelloBC's article will give you the inside scoop on where to find the best sightings. <https://www.hellobc.com/stories/bc-wildlife-watching-what-to-see-in-spring-and-summer/>

Tie your own knots: From bow lines to clove hitches, learn how to tie knots from the comfort of your home. This skill can come in handy when camping and boating and also improves hand-eye coordination. <https://sites.google.com/wildernessinquiry.org/allaboutknots/tie-your-own>