

SPECIES INFORMATION

You will need to research a species (plant or animal) that will identify your learning group. Instead of calling a group of students, group 1 or A, we refer to them as the “White-tail Deer” or the “White Oak Tree” group. We suggest focusing on plants and animals that live in Pennsylvania. You can imagine the value and excitement of students “bumping into” their species as they explore at McKeever Center or at home.

You will be required to create an interactive display. As a reference, examples of past species displays are shared on your first day at the McKeever Center. Your cooperating teacher will contact you before your first day at McKeever to see if you already chose a species to represent. Once we confirm your species name, you can then begin working on your display.

You will have time to work on and complete your display during the first week at the McKeever Center. Consider making it interactive in ways to present fun facts, unusual characteristics or ways/behaviors on how it lives. Your display should be mobile (easily and quickly removable in pieces or in whole) so it can be transported from one room to another.

You should consider the rarely discussed or noticed species such as insects, plants, water creatures, etc. All plants and animals exhibit amazing habits and features! Think about how it looks, moves, sounds, smells, reproduces, survives climate changes, food requirements, adaptations, predators... **everything about it that would “turn on” a student and help them to empathize and identify with their species.**

You are responsible for purchasing the materials to create your poster. You will use this during your assignment at the McKeever Center but it is your teaching tool to keep.

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