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# Wonder in Nature

Let's follow our curiosities  
about nature around us!



# Welcome!

Greetings from Alameda County Library and welcome to the 2022 Summer Adventure! This year's theme is Wonder in Nature.

The natural world—from Mission Peak to a mud puddle—provides us with endless opportunities to wonder. Every day I try to see, hear, taste, touch and smell new things in nature. Summer is a perfect time to Wonder in Nature, as we explore the great outdoors, our neighborhoods, even our indoor environments.

This Adventure Guide has activities—including reading!—for all to enjoy. Let's follow our curiosity and go on this Summer Adventure together!



Cindy Chadwick  
County Librarian

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Draw a rock



## What is Summer Adventure and how can I participate?

Summer Adventure is our reimagined Summer Reading Game: a chance to explore all types of learning during the summer. Follow your curiosity to complete the activities in this guide in a way that works best for you. You can do as many activities as you want and even invent your own! After you finish an activity, submit it online, by mail, or in person. You'll get a free book gift for your first submission and be entered into the prize drawings (see page 4 for full submission and prize info).

- **Complete** any activity in this guide
- **Read** anything, or have someone read to you, as an activity
- **Surprise us** by creating your own activity
- **Get inspired** by a fellow adventurer from the Submission Showcase ([aclibrary.org/summer](https://aclibrary.org/summer)) and **reinterpret** their idea in your own way as an activity. For example, if someone submitted a drawing you like, recreate it as a video, poem, story, etc.

## This guide is for all ages and abilities

Activities are meant to be adapted for any adventurer. Interpret, create, complete, and present them in your own way. There are no wrong answers!

### Example Activity:

- ☐ Use your senses to connect to the world around you  
**To do this activity, you could:**
- ☒ Explore your senses outside. Try a library book like *Let's Go for a Walk* or *Unseen City* to guide your exploration.
- ☒ Connect to your breath or pay attention to your surroundings indoors.
- ☒ Use a sense you don't usually focus on to take in the world around you for 5 minutes
- ☒ Notice nature large or small in your daily life
- ☒ Come up with your own interpretation: \_\_\_\_\_

# Prize Instructions

**Book Gift:** Get a free book gift at your preferred library location after submitting your first activity! You will also be entered for future prize drawings.

**Prize Drawings:** Submit more activities throughout the summer to gain additional entries into the prize drawings for a chance at amazing prizes! More activities mean more chances for prizes!

**Submit entries** by these dates for the prize drawings: June 27, July 12, July 26, and August 15. You will be contacted by a library staff member if you are the lucky drawing prize recipient. Keep a lookout!

## Here's How to Enter:

### Online

Fill out an online submission form at:

[aclibrary.org/summer](http://aclibrary.org/summer)

### By Mail

Send a submission form to:

Alameda County Library  
Attn: Summer Adventure  
2450 Stevenson Blvd.  
Fremont, CA, 94538



### In Person

Put submission forms in the Summer Adventure submission box, available at library locations during visiting hours.

NOTE: Prizes can only be picked up at an AC Library location.



# Prize Entry Submission Form



Easy to complete online: [aclibrary.org/summer](http://aclibrary.org/summer)

First Name \* (\*required)

Last Name \*

Age group (years old) \* ☐ 0-5 ☐ 6-12 ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18+

An email OR phone number is required to contact prize winners.

Email

Phone

Preferred library location \*

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Which activity inspired your submission? \* \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like be included in the Submission Showcase?

- ☐ Yes, AC Library can publicly share my submission.  
*We will not include any personal information to protect your privacy.*

Add a note about your activity. \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Summer Adventure?

- ☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ School ☐ Library  
☐ Website ☐ Social Media ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Summer Adventure submission?

- ☐ Yes, ever **WELCOME!**  
☐ Yes, this year **THANKS FOR PLAYING!**  
☐ No, this is an additional entry **THANKS FOR PLAYING SOME MORE!**

For more submission forms, submit online at  
[aclibrary.org/summer](https://aclibrary.org/summer) OR visit your preferred library location



## Resources

Explore these library and community resources during your adventure, and use them to follow your curiosity all year round!

### Library

- **Book Match:** ask a librarian for a personalized reading list  
[aclibrary.org/book-match](https://aclibrary.org/book-match)
- **Discover & Go:** get free and low-cost passes to museums, zoos, theaters and more  
[aclibrary.discoverandgo.net](https://aclibrary.discoverandgo.net)
- **Education and Literacy Services:** reach your reading and writing goals [aclibrary.org/literacy](https://aclibrary.org/literacy) or call 510-745-1480
- **eLibrary:** see what your library has to offer online in both English [aclibrary.org/elibrary](https://aclibrary.org/elibrary) and other community languages [bit.ly/comlang](https://bit.ly/comlang)
- **Link+:** borrow materials from libraries all over California [bit.ly/aclinkplus](https://bit.ly/aclinkplus)

### Community

- **Celebrate Urban Birds:** notice and help protect birds wherever you are [celebrateurbanbirds.org](https://celebrateurbanbirds.org)
- **East Bay Parks:** explore parks and trails, learn, volunteer, and much more [ebparks.org](https://ebparks.org)
- **Latino Outdoors:** explore the outdoors and celebrate nature, la familia, and Latinx culture (available in Español and English) [latinooutdoors.org](https://latinooutdoors.org)
- **LEAF:** help alleviate food insecurity and learn about sustainable living in Alameda County [fremontleaf.org](https://fremontleaf.org)
- **Outdoor Afro:** connect to and protect nature in a way that centers around the Black experience [outdoorafro.org](https://outdoorafro.org) and look for Bay Area in "Locations"

Find links to all these resources and many more at [bit.ly/sa22resources](https://bit.ly/sa22resources)

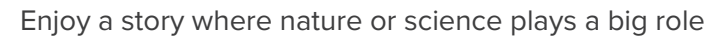






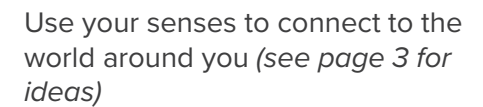
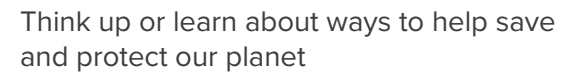
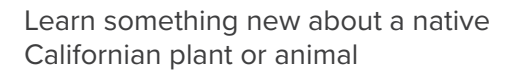
Engage your curiosity and wonder by exploring the world around you.

## Finish the dandelion



Examples: 

- Call the Listen Inn at 833-990-BOOK (2665)
- Learn about a climate activist
- Read a story from the point of view of an animal



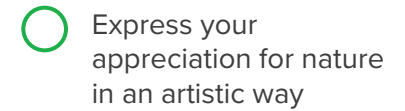
Examples: 

- Learn the history of your surroundings as you explore them
- Visit a trail, museum, zoo, or planetarium of your choice (see page 7)
- Learn about a place you've never visited
- Try a new route on your way somewhere



- Plant or nurture something living and enjoy what happens when you care for it

### Draw a leaf



What do you see  
through your window?

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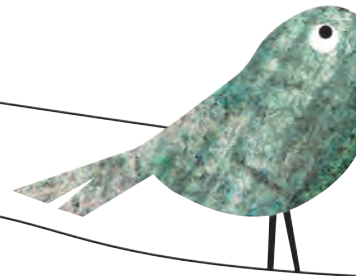
- Explore a local group that cares for the Earth or seeks to understand it better

A stylized illustration of a blue bird with a pink belly, perched on a black branch. The bird has a large white eye and a small beak. The background is white.

- Start or end the day with an act of kindness

Examples: 

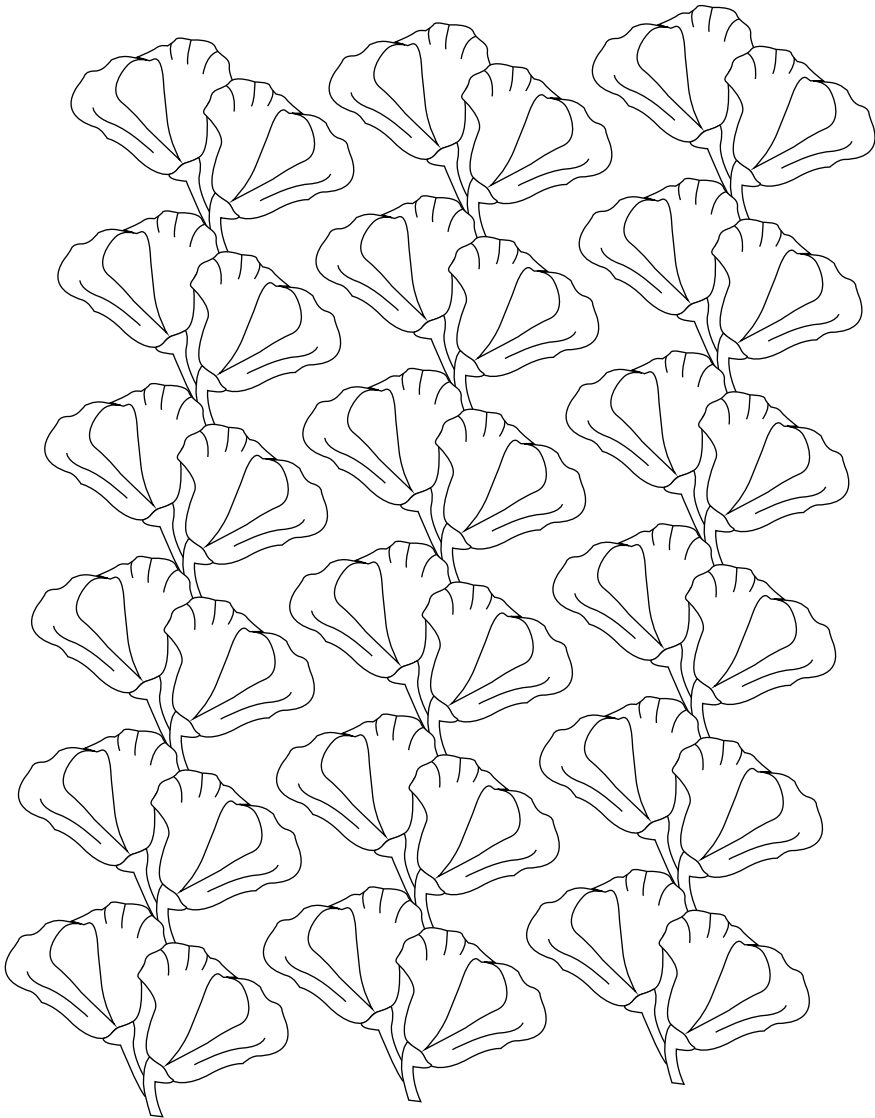
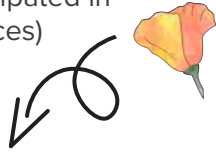
- 
- Draw a bird





# Want to track your progress?

Color in a California poppy for any way you've participated in Summer Adventure (See page 3 for a full list of choices)



# What I'd like to keep with me from my summer adventure:

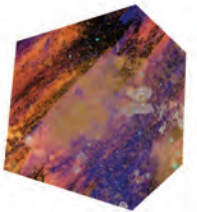
My favorite activity .....



My favorite book .....



Something I'll remember .....



What I'm still wondering about .....

