



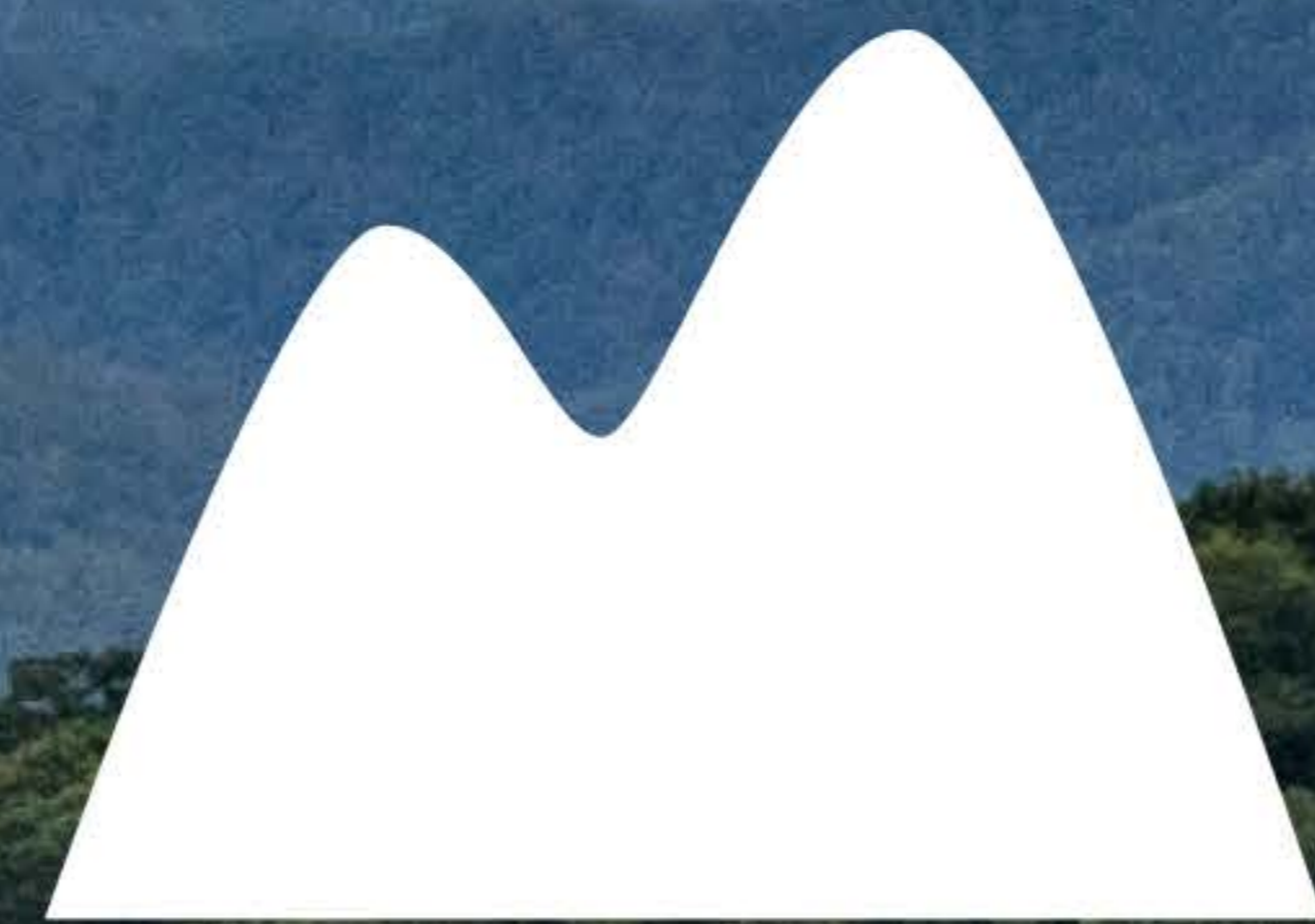
Transylvania County Field Guide for Kids

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WELCOME

Welcome to Brevard or, if you live here, hello!
We have things to show you, come on and let's go.



To the forest, to the town, to the rivers and trails!
We'll see some neat things, maybe even a snail.



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We love playing here, we hope you do too!
It's a beautiful place with so much to do.

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COLLECT NATURE TREASURES

We touch with our hands spy with our eyes

The nature that, around us all lies.

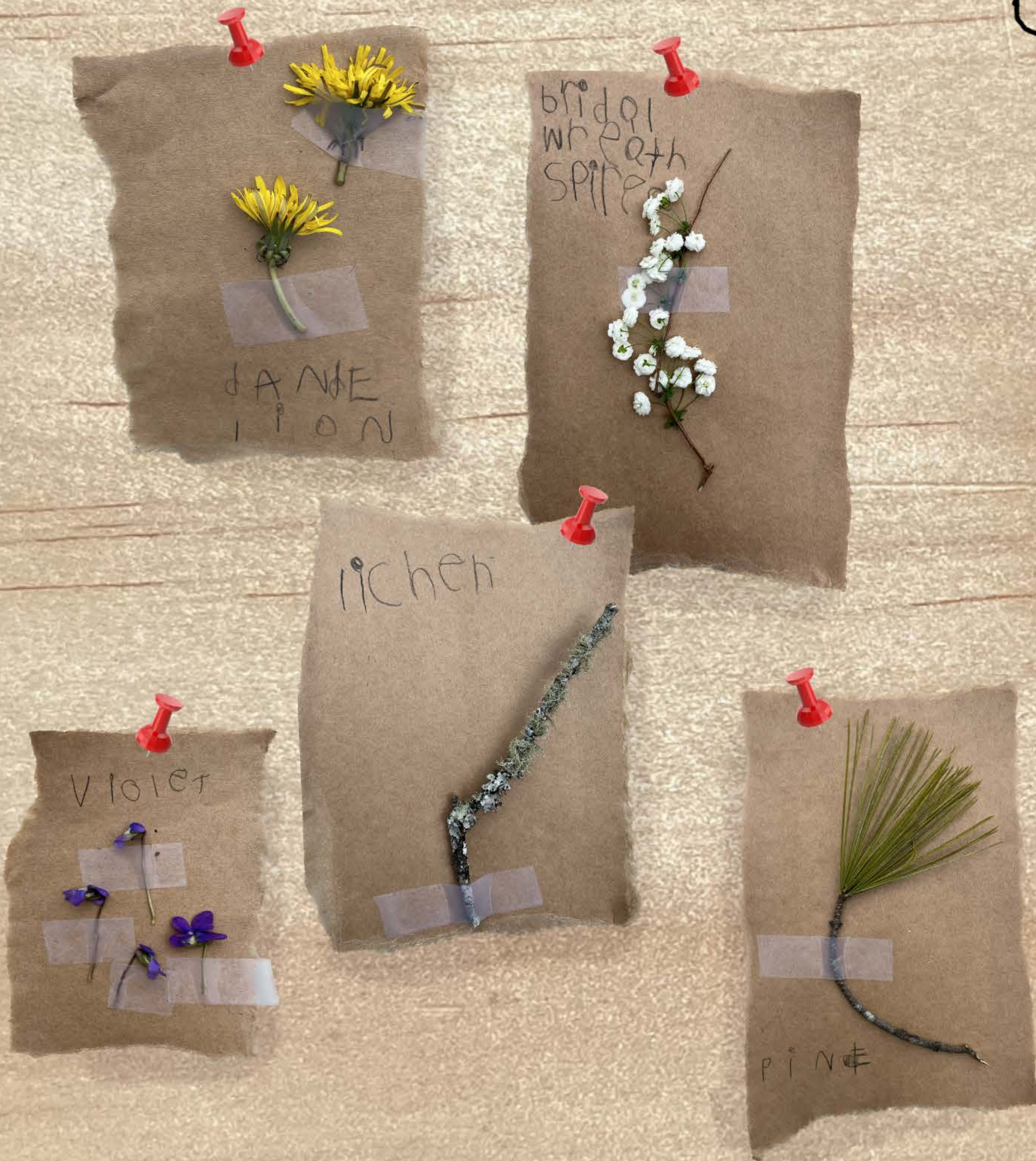
The tiniest flower, the tallest of trees,

A super cool rock, a bird in the breeze.



Some treasures we take,
some treasures we leave.

So all can enjoy
the things nature brings.



EARTHWORM

SLUG

caterpillar

OBSERVE CREATURES
All along the green, green ground
insects, worms, and creatures can be found!
Keep your eyes peeled and you just might see,
the wiggly world beneath you and me.





HOW TO OBSERVE CREATURES

- check with a grownup to make sure your creature is safe to hold
- use gentle hands
- creatures like wide open palms, not tight, closed fingers
- don't hold your creature for too long, they start to miss their homes
- return your creature to the same habitat you found them in
- thank them for their time and say goodbye!

Ride bicycles

Pedal fast,
pedal slow.

Pedal, pedal
wherever you go.

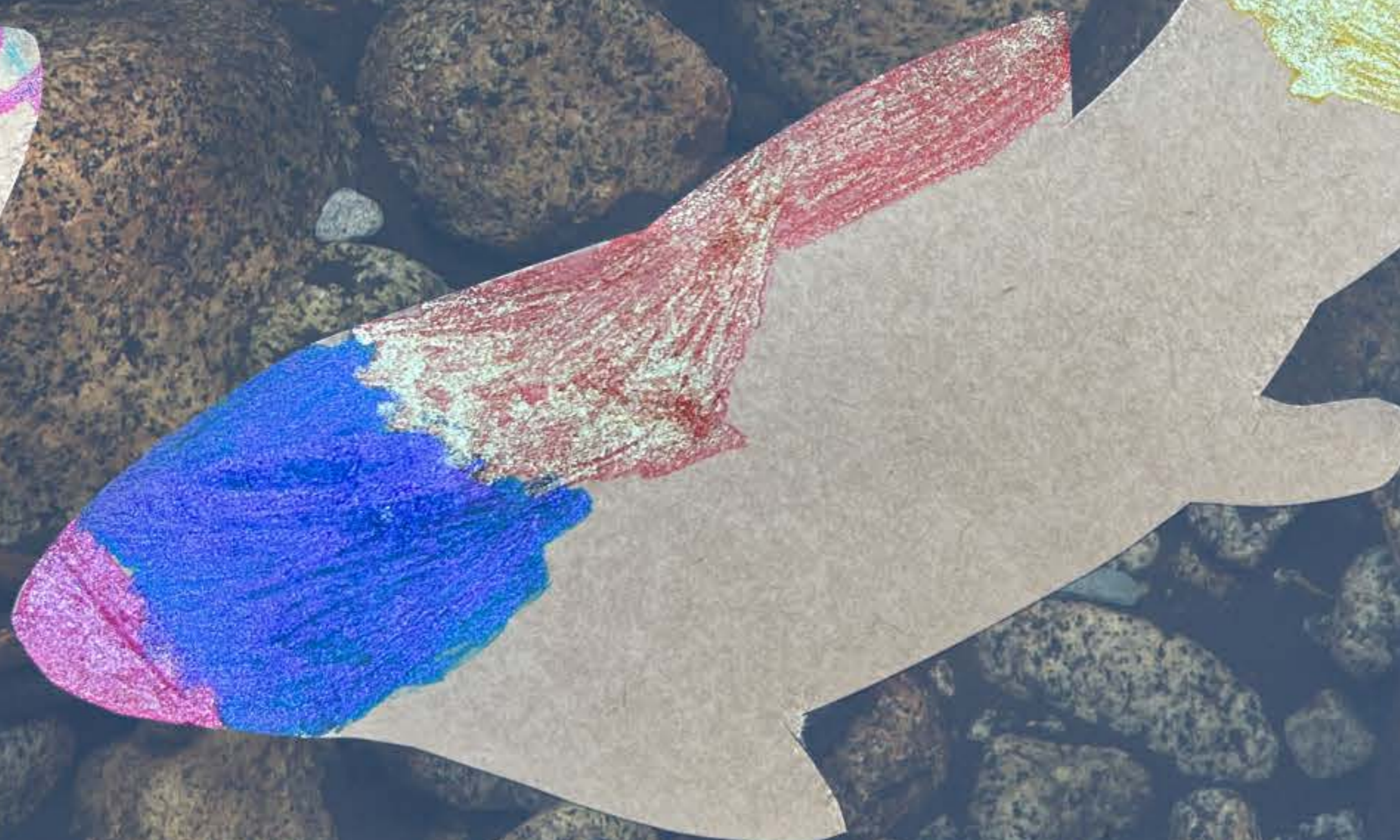
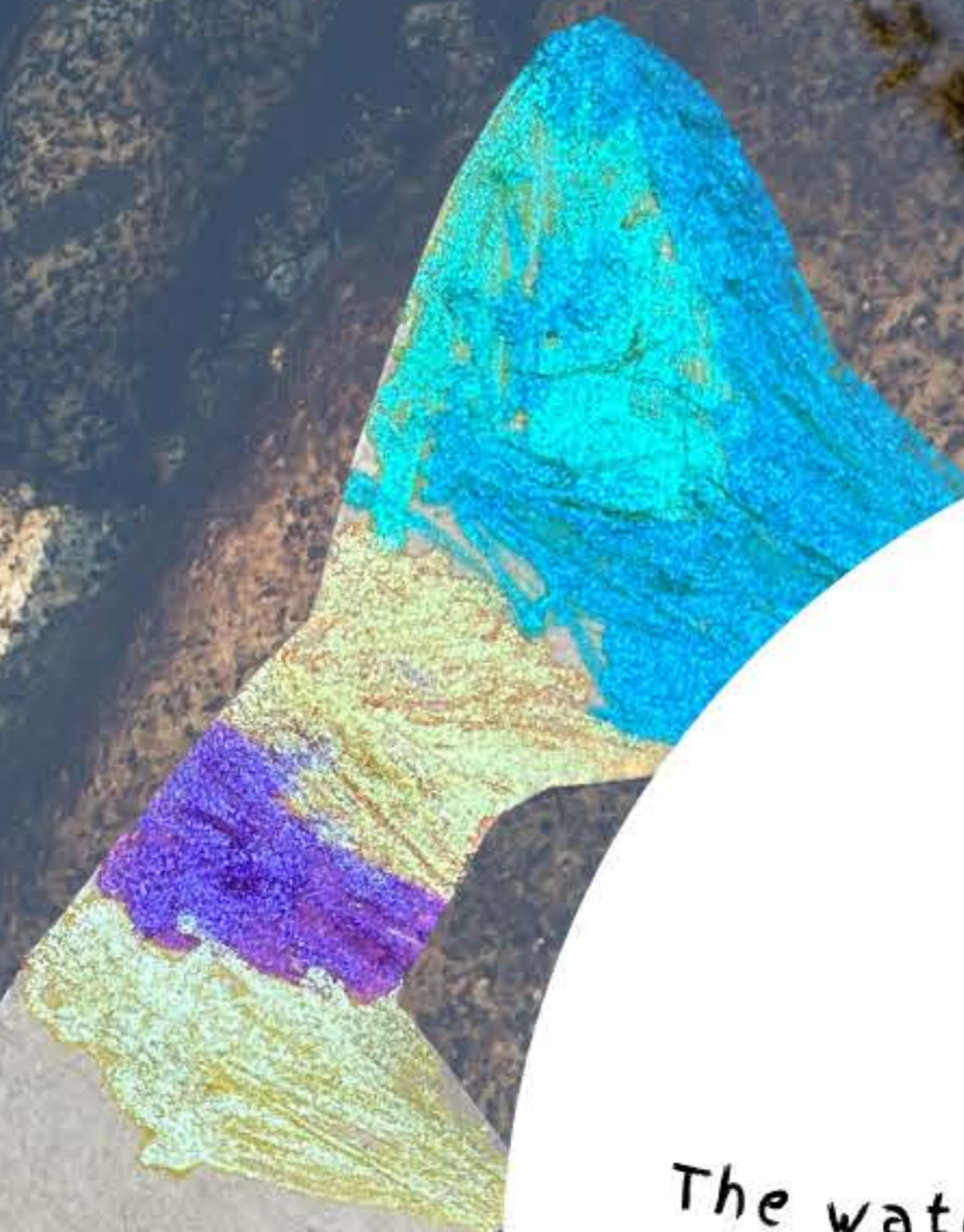


On the bike path, in the woods,

Riding your bike is fun and good.

PLAY AT THE RIVER

Hold your breath and then you plunge
into the river, under the sun.
We like to splash, we like to play.
In the Davidson River all summer day!



The water is cold, the rocks are slick,
watch your step or you might trip.

activities



We want you to get in on the fun!
Here are some activities for rain or sun!
Follow these steps and you will explore,
The city of Brevard, the forest, and more!



Tape special
leaves or
flowers you find
on the ground to
this page!

Draw a map!

As a group, we spent time looking at a map of Brevard and the places around it. Then we drew our own maps! Now it's your turn.

Below, draw a map of where you've been in Brevard, a trail you hiked on, or your own home. You can draw maps for almost anything.

SCAVENGER HUNT

See if you can find these things around Brevard!

Use walking feet and listening ears to spy creatures in the forest!

THE RIVER

PINECONE

EARTHWORM

INSECT

SUPER COOL ROCK

BIRD

FLOWER

BIKE RIDER

CAMP SITE

WHITE SQUIRREL

PLANT HAMMERING



STEP ONE



Collect flowers, leaves, or grasses that are colorful and fresh.
*Remember to never take more than 5% of the plant population and never pick anything endangered!

STEP TWO



Arrange your plants and flowers on a white cloth or bandana.
Natural fibers work best (cotton, silk, wool).

STEP THREE



Fold the cloth in half and hammer, hammer, hammer! You will start to see the color of the plants bleed through the cloth.
Be sure to keep your fingers out of the way!

STEP FOUR



Unfold your cloth and peel away any excess plant matter. Look at your beautiful creation and all the patterns and colors the plants left behind!

KEEP Breva



In all the seasons,
throughout the year,
our home is special.
We're glad to be here.

But we need your
help. Some people
aren't kind.

They leave dirty
trash and litter
behind.



rd beautiful



Litter hurts nature, it
hurts birds and fish.
To keep Brevard beautiful
is what we all wish.

So what you take in, make
sure to take out
To a marked trash bin or
back to your house.



LEAVE IT BETTER



Have you met Trashsquatch? Or maybe seen a picture?
He's a friendly giant who is made of folks' litter.

He's sad when he sees trash in his forest home,
He asks for your help. He can't do it alone.

6 Ways to Be a Helper

1. Bring a trash bag on your hike. Carefully pick up your trash and what others have left behind. put it in a trashcan or take it home.

2. Ask an adult if you all can help volunteer for a group that cares for the forest. Or maybe donate lemonade stand money to your favorite state or national park.

3. Find out what the forest rules and warnings are before you start your hike.

4. Leave nature where it is. Every plant, rock and creature is very happy in its home. Please leave it alone and just look with your eyes.

5. Be kind and patient on the trail. Just like you, every hiker, biker, horse and horseback rider are there to have a good time!

6. Teach your friends what you learned! Show them how they can also help Trashesquatch and his forest friends keep their woods beautiful.





Be waterfall wise

The water is so BIG and falls down with a BOOM!

But we need to be careful, so give it some room.

Don't play above them or climb up their side.

Stay on the marked trails with an adult as your guide.

If you swim in the water, stay away from the waterfall.

Walk into the water, don't jump in or cannonball.

Climb only on rocks much smaller than you,

Remember they're slippery. Some are wiggly, too!

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Who Are We?



Pisgah Collective

We are the students of Pisgah Collective - an outdoor, Montessori-inspired preschool on the edges of Pisgah National Forest.



We love playing outside, discovering nature, and learning how to care for and appreciate our home.



Thank you for reading our book. We hope you had fun and found something amazing outside!

