



Circle J-Norris Ranch Pre-Kindergarten Fall Field Trip Plan

Theme: In fall, animals, plants and people are getting ready for the winter rain!

Goals: Students will discover that Circle J-Norris Ranch supports an abundance of life. The plants and animals come in a variety of forms, sharing some characteristics and differing in others. Students will celebrate the fall season in the foothills and will observe animal, plant & human behavior in the fall.

Objectives: The students will:

- 1.) Tell the story of seasonal change in Acorn woodpecker feeding habits (In spring & summer they eat flying insects right out of the air, in fall & winter they store and eat acorns).
- 2.) Identify the body parts of an aquatic insect (head, eyes, gills, legs, antennae) and an aquatic plant (roots, stem, leaves)
- 3.) Describe how the Yokuts people gathered and processed acorns for a food source. (Singing a song while gathering, sorting out the bad ones, cracking and grinding acorn)

Schedule:

Time	Activity
9:30 Arrival	Welcome
9:45 - 10:30	Acorn Woodpecker Colony
10:30 - 11:20	Pond Exploration & Aquatic Insects
11:20- 11:30	Hike back to picnic tables
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 12:50	Yokuts Acorn Preparation
1:00	Depart