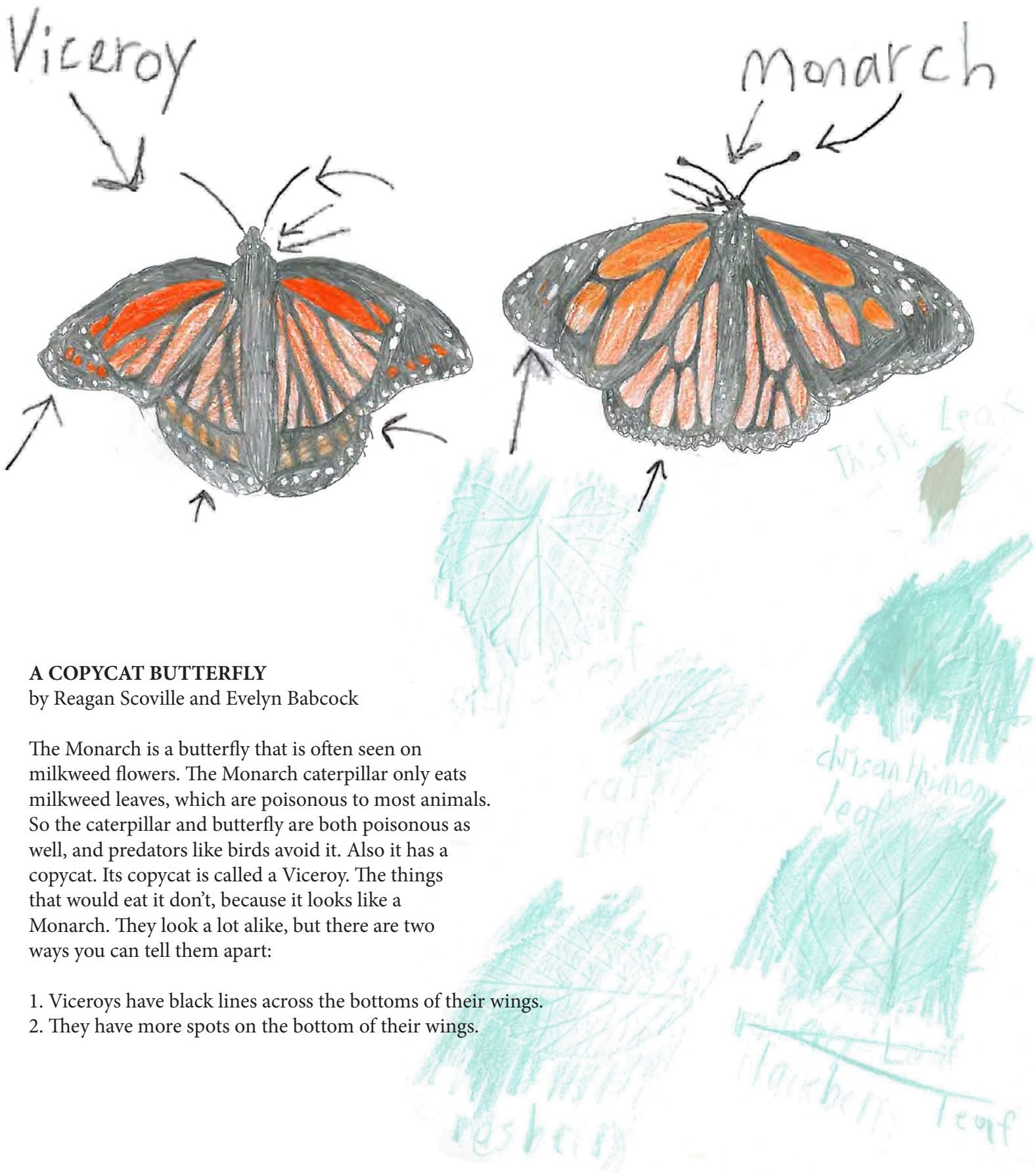


NEWS FROM SINGING CREEK

Rappahannock Nature Camp 2017



A COPYCAT BUTTERFLY

by Reagan Scoville and Evelyn Babcock

The Monarch is a butterfly that is often seen on milkweed flowers. The Monarch caterpillar only eats milkweed leaves, which are poisonous to most animals. So the caterpillar and butterfly are both poisonous as well, and predators like birds avoid it. Also it has a copycat. Its copycat is called a Viceroy. The things that would eat it don't, because it looks like a Monarch. They look a lot alike, but there are two ways you can tell them apart:

1. Viceroys have black lines across the bottoms of their wings.
2. They have more spots on the bottom of their wings.

SPEECH THINGY

by Daniel Fletcher

My name is Daniel and I did leaf prints for the Upper Orchard and Lower Orchard. I made prints of an apple leaf, a nectarine leaf, a plum leaf, a fig leaf, a grape leaf, a thistle leaf, a blackberry leaf, a chrysanthemum leaf, a catnip leaf, and a raspberry leaf. Then I labelled them all so I know which tree is which. And if you want you can use my leaf prints to identify the trees, bushes and vines in the orchard. And these are some of my leaf prints.

POPPY SEEDS

by Savannah Scoville, Tana Brady and Mariel Scoville

Hi! My name is Savannah, and my name is Tana, and I am Mariel. And we are going to tell you about poppy seeds. Poppy seeds are very small. When they are not ripe they are white and the capsule is green. When they are ripe the seeds are brown and the capsule is brown. We did a project of counting the seeds in one capsule. We messed up once, and we had to start over again. The total was 1,821.

ANT QUEENS

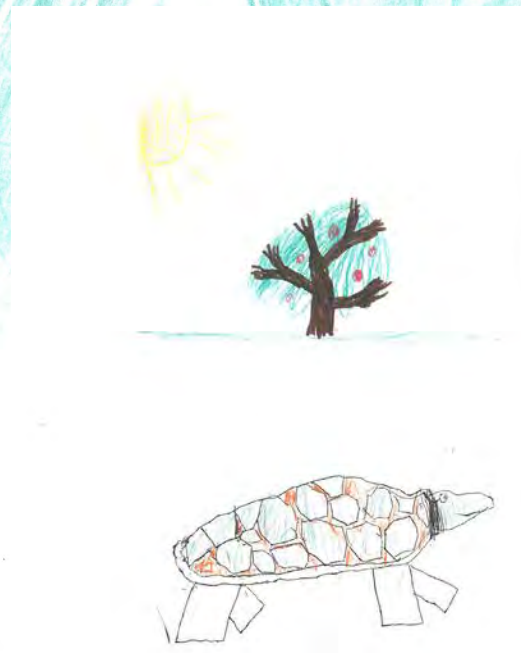
by Ian Kilpatrick, Isaac Plaksin and Daniel Fletcher

Ant queens make eggs which will eventually become larvae. Then the larvae will turn into pupae. The pupae will then hatch and be ants. The adult ants will help the queen expand the colony and the home. The queen will keep laying eggs until close to death. The ants will feed royal jelly to an egg as it hatches. Then that egg will turn into a queen. If a big ant has wings, that means it is an unmated queen and she can't lay eggs. She will first make a home with a brood chamber, a storage chamber, and a chamber for herself. The eggs will hatch and expand the home. At some point, the colony will run out of royal jelly and start producing more. This is a very expensive process.

BOX TURTLE EGGS

by Sarah Johnson

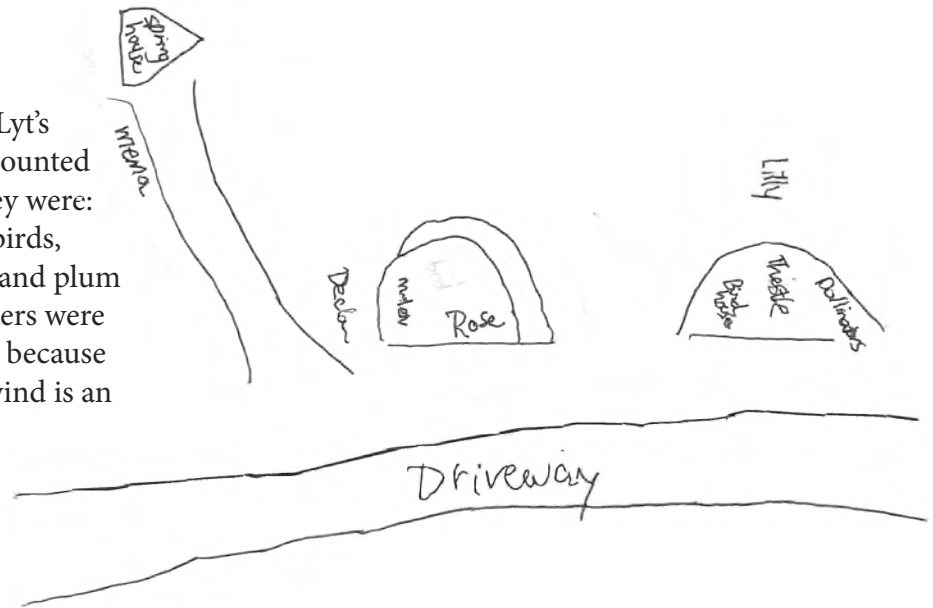
Last Monday, Mr. Lyt found an Eastern Box Turtle in this orchard. It was digging a hole and in the hole there were eggs! The eggs were a dirty white and an inch and a half long and just under an inch wide. Normally there are three to eight eggs that the turtle lays and the hole is three to four inches deep. The eggs hatch in two to three months. Box turtles may live 50 to 75 years. Some are over a hundred years old! I find it interesting that the turtles walk so slow. The turtle's nest is in the Upper Orchard and that is where it dug a nest. Mr. Lyt put a cage with pink ribbons around it, so he knows where the eggs are, and to protect it from raccoons. (Editor's note: Still no evidence that baby turtles have emerged. Maybe they are waiting till spring!)



CRITTERS IN THE ORCHARD

by Webb Furbush

There are many different kinds of critters in Lyt's orchard. After finding as many as I could, I counted them and there were 12 kinds of critters. They were: bees, wasps, hornets, beetles, assassin bugs, birds, ants, lightning bugs, flies, gnats, webworms, and plum curculios. As you can see, some of these critters were pollinators. But one pollinator was not listed because it is not a creature. It is... THE WIND! The wind is an actual pollinator.



RAINBOWS

by Evelyn Babcock and Reagan Scoville

When you look at a rainbow, you only see a part of it. A rainbow is really a whole circle. So if you try to look for a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, you will never succeed. If it's a double rainbow, it will be fat like a giant donut. Rain and sunlight make rainbows, so if it rains, look outside and you might see one. Millions of people and things might be looking at the rainbow, but it will never be the exact same rainbow that you see.



THE FROG POND

by Harley Kerr

The Frog Pond is four feet deep. Lots of frogs live there, and there are dragonflies, water striders and Wild Rice. Sometimes there are Snapping Turtles. Japanese Stilt-grass lives there. Sometimes there are Bullfrogs and baby dragonflies and water snakes.

BEINGS OF EARTH, WATER, AIR AND FIRE

by Reagan Scoville and Evelyn Babcock

PUCKWUDGIES are small gnomes that live in the ground. We think they like dirt, rocks and acorns. They love to hear music. So if you play music in the woods, you might see one. We aren't sure what their favorite color is -- maybe brown, black, green or gray. They are miners.

NYMPHS, also called SPRITES or UNDINES, are similar to mermaids. They live on the bottom of the ocean, and they are very graceful. They love all kinds of sea creatures. Their favorite colors are all shades of blue, purple, green and gray.

SYLPHS are wind spirits. They look like people with wings for arms. They are what makes the wind blow. Their favorite colors are white, light blue and silver. They are very graceful. They live in the sky and they sleep on clouds.

SALAMANDERS, or Fire Spirits, are red, with flames coming off their backs. They live in volcanoes and sleep in lava. We think they like molten lava and obsidian. Their favorite colors are red, orange and yellow. They are quite aggressive.



this is a green frog



It lives in
Lyts pond
this is it
when it was a baby



--Webber



purple cow

will V.

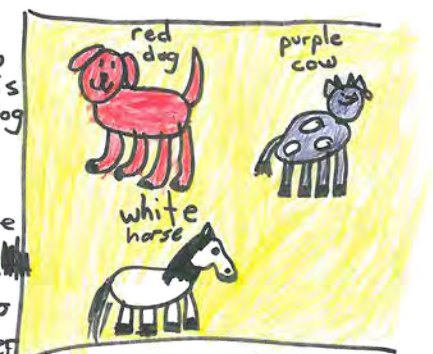


Leaf man

Katie



the purple cow is a cow that is purple. the red dog is a dog who likes to climb trees. the white horse is a horse that likes to stay by the river side.



Katie

TURTLE INTERVIEWS

by Webb Furbush and Max Martin

Box Turtles are generally nice. They only really bite foods and hardly ever bite other creatures unless they are in serious danger. How do I know this? I interviewed my turtle! Here is our conversation:

WF: So, Highroller Junior, why don't you ever bite anyone else?

HJ: Well, Webb, unlike Snapping Turtles, my mouth wasn't made for biting to defend myself.

WF: OK, question two: Why don't you grow huge like a Snapping Turtle?

HJ: Well, in Box Turtle evolution, we weren't made to be that huge.

WF: OK, final question: You know how sea turtles dig a hole and lay eggs in the sand? Do you do that?

HJ: Yes, yes we do, but with dirt.

MM: So Snapping Turtle, how are you feeling about the race?

ST: I'm feeling just fine, the only problem I have is being out of water.

MM: The other racers have said that you're pretty ugly. How does that make you feel?

ST: Every Snapping Turtle is pretty ugly. We have small plastrons and big heads.

MM: What will you eat before the race?

ST: Just the stuff I eat daily.

MM: And what's that?

ST: Fish, birds and a lot of greens.

Turtle Race Contestants				
Name	Species	Owner	Traits	Picture
Reaper	River Turtle	Swiss	Bigger than other turtles	
Fred the Pirate	Box Turtle	Nick	Missing a leg	
Aciago	Box Turtle	Riley	yellow shell	
Sparky	Box Turtle	Katie	Smaller than other turtles	
Mims	Box Turtle	Harley	none	
Highroller Jr.	Box turtle	Webb	none	
Peanut	Box Turtle	Sarah	none	
Name Unknown	Box Turtle	Tanna	bright colors	
No Name	Box Turtle	Tanna	smaller than others	
Sparky	Box Turtle	Katie	None	
Rosebud	Box Turtle	Raegen	None	
Filbert is the right spelling	Box Turtle	Isaac	bright colors	
Lightning Kaboom	Box Turtle	Evelyn and Will V.	None	
Syrah	Box Turtle	savannah	None	

--Nick

sarah



POEMS

The grass is green
The snakes are mean
The butterfly is flying
The hawk is soaring
It's a sight to see
When the owl takes flight
In the middle of the night.

--Will Wofford



A small bird flies by.
He is chirping in the sky.
Then all is quiet. Why?
He caught a worm!

--Webber Moore



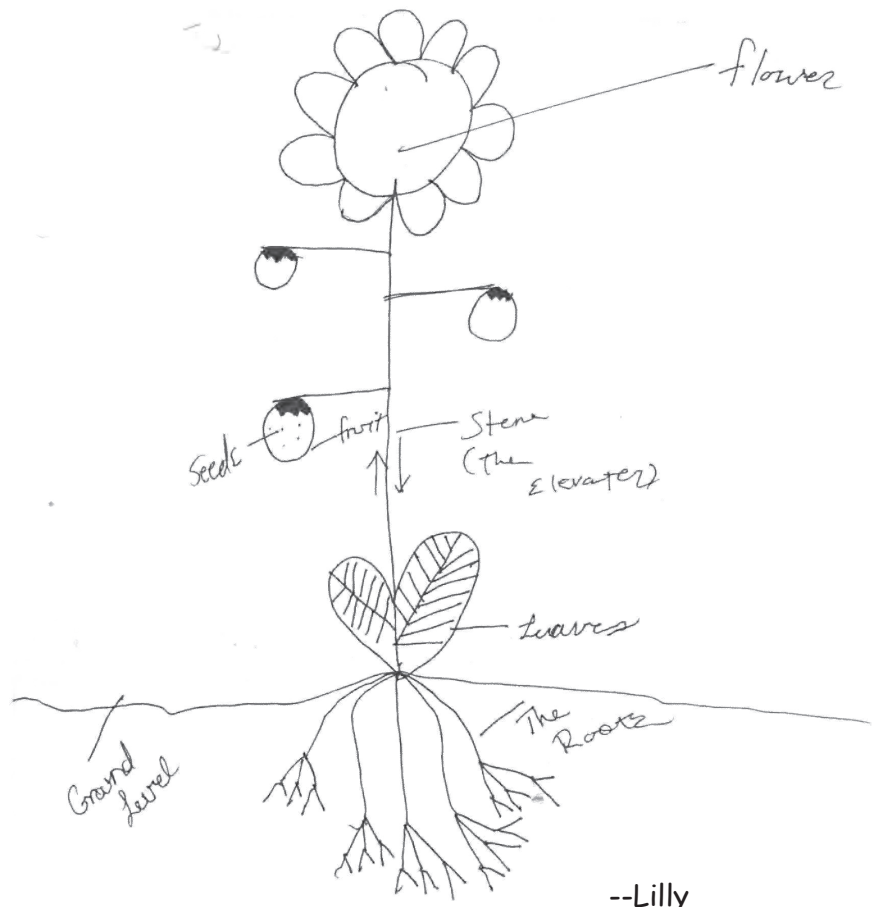
--Swiss

Trees are beautiful.
They use the sun to help them grow.
Trees are part of us you know.
So we need to help them grow.

--Reagan Scoville



The spittle bug is a bug that lives on a plant,
inside what looks like spit! I have one right
now! --Declan



--Lilly

MOTHS

by Reagan Scoville and Evelyn Babcock

The Polyphemus Moth lives in trees and shrubs, including ash, birch, grape, hickory, maple, oak and pine. Its pinkish cinnamon wings are marked with transparent eyespots surrounded by concentric yellow and blue rings.



I found this moth on a catnip plant. As I looked again, I saw something that had a pink face with dark brown eyes. It was a Sphinx Moth!

how it normally looks



in between its two wings

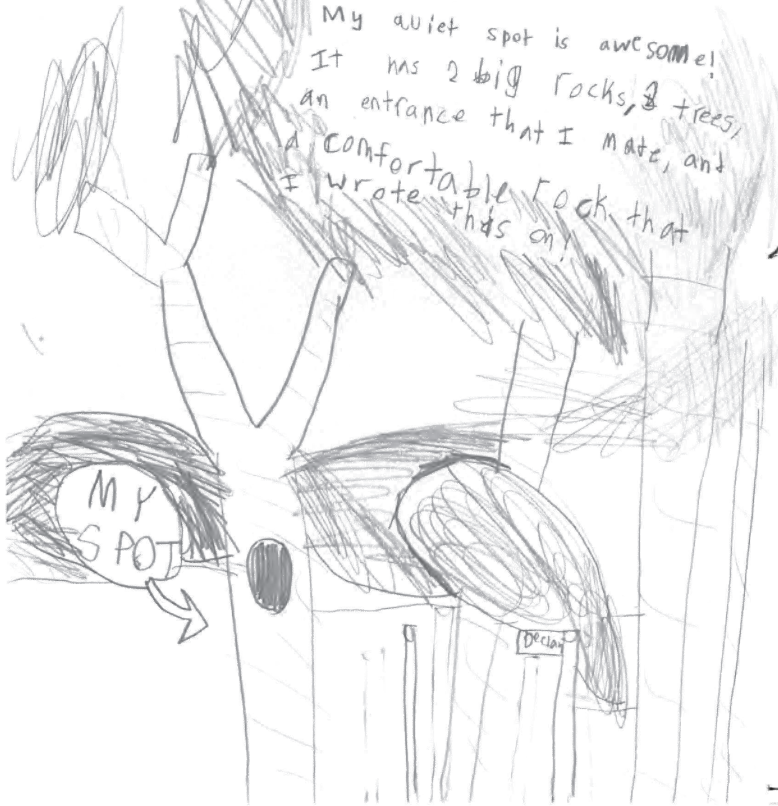


When it's ready to fly



MY QUIET SPOT!

My quiet spot is awesome!
It has 2 big rocks, 2 trees,
an entrance that I made, and
a comfortable rock that
I wrote this on!



sarah
my quiet spot



The pool at my quiet spot



How is Nature There!

By: Grace Babcock

When I look out at the starry sky,
I wonder how this all came to be,
How the sunsets gave their glow,
To add to the rainbow clouds,
How did this all start?

I really want to know,
How it is possible to snow,
Or how the sun can shine on a cold, cold, winter day

How does the wind blow?
With all its blooming smells,
How does the grass grow,
And give the fields their lush cool green,
How do the trees whisper,
When all their leaves rustling swish,

How does the sky glimmer,
With all its morning dew shining back,
How do we day by day never ceasing, never stopping,
To see the wonders of our world,
Right around us,
But never in our mind,

How did we come to be?



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Dear Campers:

*Maybe this will be this year's
Bubbleheads song! We'll sing it as a
round, except the first and last verses in
unison. I hope you like it!*

WE CAN FLY by Lyt Wood

1. -- I'm an
eagle soaring soaring soaring
high ---- I'm an
eagle soaring soaring soaring
high ---- Be-
fore I was soaring I was
in a big nest hatching, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

2. -- I'm a
dragonfly flying flying up the
stream --- I'm a
dragonfly flying flying up the
stream ----Be-
fore I was flying I was
in that stream crawling, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

3. -- I'm a
Cirrus hanging hanging hanging
high ---- I'm a
Cirrus hanging hanging hanging
high ----Be-
fore I was a Cirrus, I was
clear blue sky, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

4. --I'm a
hovering humming hovering humming bird
---- I'm a
hovering humming hovering humming bird
----I'm a
humming bird hovering, humming hovering
humming hovering humming, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

5. --I am
pollen floating floating in the
air ---- I am
pollen floating floating in the
air ----Be-
fore I was floating, I was
stuck in a flower, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

6. --I'm a
red-eyed cicada droning droning
droning ---- I'm a
red-eyed cicada droning droning
droning ---- For
seventeen years, I've been
digging and counting, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

7. -- I'm a
monarch travelling south to Mexi-
co ---- I'm a
monarch travelling south to Mexi-
co ---- Be-
fore I was travelling, on a
milkweed I was chewing, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

8. -- I'm a
halo circling round and round the
moon ---- I'm a
halo circling round and round the
moon ----Be-
fore I was circling, I was
nowhere at all, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

9. -- I'm a
fairy working watching smiling
hiding ---- I'm a
fairy working watching smiling
hiding ---- I'm a
sound in the trees, I'm a
song in the breeze, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

10. -- I'm a
flying gliding gliding flying
squirrel ----I'm a
flying gliding gliding flying
squirrel ---- When I'm
not outside gliding, I'm
in a hollow tree hiding, We can
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----
We can fly----

11. -- In the
night I'm a star shining shining
shining ---- In the
night I'm a star shining shining
shining ---- In the
daylight too, I'm a
star and I SHINE SHINE SHINE
Fly-----
We can fly----
We can fly----



BUBBLEHEADS
by Mena Giles

I like the music at camp. I like how everyone sings and I like the banjo. The song "Tick" is really cool. We get to find a tick that is fake in the audience. "Traveller" is another cool song. When you sing the chorus it is really fun. I like Bubbleheads.





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