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Kit may contain silicone gel packets, which should be removed before use.

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## **2023 Summer Craft Program**

#### PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



#### YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- Authentic Flower Garden Craft Kit
- · Coral Reef Basket Craft Kit
- Color-Me<sup>™</sup> Magic Butterfly Kit
- Natural Cord Necklace/Bracelet Kit
- Color-Me Collapsible Water Bottle
- Dreamcatcher Collaborative Craft Kit
- Easy Way Nature Silhouette Craft Kit
- Silly Stones Craft Kit
- Velvet Art Mini Posters
- Scratch Artist Magnets
- Color-Me<sup>™</sup> Foam Visors
- Markers (permanent & water-based)
- Colored Pencils
- Scratch Art Tools

#### **GENERAL SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED:**

- Paper Plates (optional)
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Tape
- Cups of Water (for painting crafts)
- Paper Towels
- · Clean, Flat Work Surface

**NOTE:** Check each craft kit for specific supply needs.

AGE GROUP: 6 and up PROJECT TIME: 30-45 minutes per craft

**NOTE FOR INSTRUCTOR:** This is a craft program designed for 8 weeks of summer camp. This program pack includes: 8 specific craft "program time" activities (each a minimum of 30 minutes), which make 48 projects each. One activity is a collaborative group project. Three "low mess" craft activities can be used during "before-camp" or "pick-up" of campers. All crafts are suitable for ages 6-10+ years old. Over 520 projects! The following is a suggested program guide. Feel free to move the projects around to suit your specific camp needs. Refer to the specific kits instructions as needed. Color-Me items do not come with instructions, use the recommended supplies (included in this pack), or use your own supplies.

#### **PROGRAM GUIDE:**

#### Week 1 Craft: Authentic Flower Garden (makes 48)

*Why:* Start the summer with a fun, easy craft and planting activity. Kids will enjoy watching this project grow all summer! This craft is one of our top-rated kits year after year. Kids can take them home or put together in a sunny spot at camp. Marigolds are quick growing and will produce more flowers after cutting!

Helpful to know: You can also add your own decorating supplies if you'd like!

*Prep time:* See specific kit instructions. You can rehydrate the soil pellets ahead of time or as part of the activity with the kids.

*Mess Scale:* Medium to High. We recommend doing this activity outside if possible. It includes soil pellets that require re-hydration (which is fun for kids to watch and participate in) and planting. Acrylic paint is permanent when dry. Take care to protect clothes and surfaces.

*Craft Encourages:* : Cooperation - Kids need to share supplies. Care - Each child needs to water and care for his/her plant as it grows. This is an EduCraft® hands-on learning kit.

#### Week 2 Craft: Color-Me<sup>™</sup> Magic Butterfly. (makes 48)

Why: Like flying paper airplanes but better! Crafts & Play! Whose butterfly flies highest?

*Helpful to know:* Magic Butterflies get colored with the permanent markers in your pack. You can also embellish with other supplies you have on hand...like stickers or gems.

Prep time: Low.

*Mess Scale:* Low mess using included markers – just be careful of clothes with permanent markers!

*Craft Encourages:* Creative expression and play.

#### Week 3 Craft: Color-Me® Collapsible Water Bottles (makes 48)

Why: Everyone can stay hydrated with a personalized water bottle!!

Helpful to know: Permanent markers (included) are necessary when coloring this surface.

*Prep time:* Minimal.

Mess Scale: Low mess using included markers – just be careful of clothes with permanent markers!

*Craft Encourages:* Healthy habits and creativity.

**NOTE:** This plastic bottle is designed to be a portable source for water. To wash, remove the Carabiner and gently wash with dish detergent by hand. Air dry. Not microwave or dishwasher safe. BPA free.

**Helpful Tips:** Color using the permanent markers we've included. These are permanent markers, designed to not wash out. Protect clothing. **1.** Color farthest away from your hand first, so that the marker does not rub off on your hand while you work. **2.** Allow to dry completely. **3.** Do not use the markers to color the spout or the cap of the bottle. **4.** When completely dry, fill with water and clip to belt or backpack. When the bottle is empty, it may be rolled up and stored inside a backpack or lunch bag

#### Week 4 Craft: Coral Reef Basket (makes 48)

Why: Perfect for a Beach Week theme!

*Helpful to know:* Paint must be dry before any weaving can begin. Kids can also choose to leave the basket white for more contrast with the colorful yarn.

*Prep time:* Minimal, See specific kit instructions.

*Mess Scale:* Medium. Kit has acrylic paints which are permanent when dry. Take care to protect clothes and surfaces. *Craft Encourages:* Creativity, Fine Motor Skills (weaving) and a Great Sense of Accomplishment. The finished project can be used to store personal trinkets or even given as a gift!

#### **Week 5 Craft: Feather Dreamcatchers Collaborative Kit** (makes 1)

*Why:* This is a great collaborative project that can be created over time and encourages kids to work together. It comes with a guide to help facilitate discussion about teamwork and collaboration

Helpful to know: Color/paint all the feathers and string the wreath, before gluing feathers to project.

**Prep time:** Minimal. **Mess Scale:** Low.

Craft Encourages: Collaboration and Team Work!

#### Week 6 Craft: Easy Way Nature Silhouettes Craft Kit (makes 48)

Why: Easy introduction to watercolor painting and resist art.

Helpful to know: You need a flat surface for painting.

Prep time: None.
Mess Scale: Low.

Craft Encourages: Confidence building, easy to achieve great results!

#### Week 7 Craft: Silly Stones Craft Kit (makes 48)

Why: Make Silly Stones or Kindness Rocks to share!

Helpful to know: You need outdoor sealant if stones are going to be displayed outside.

Prep time: Low.

*Mess Scale:* Medium. Kit has acrylic paint.

Craft Encourages: Kindness Rocks, garden theme, and imaginary play.

#### Week 8 Craft: Nature Cord Necklace/Bracelet Craft Kit (makes 100+)

Why: Fun to make, wearable summer-themed project that appeals to boys & girls!

Helpful to know: Contains enough cord to make 80 to 90 necklaces or 160+ bracelets (or make a combination).

Prep time: Low. Cord should be pre-cut. Refer to kit instructions.

Mess Scale: Low.

*Craft Encourages:* Creativity and Fine Motor Skills – Knotting and bead stringing. They'll have fun creating their own designs!

#### "Before-camp", during "Pick-up" or anytime Activities:

- Scratch Artist Magnets (makes 48) scratch tools provided
- · Velvet Art Mini Posters (makes 100)
- Color-Me<sup>™</sup> Foam Visors (makes 48)

*Why:* These 3 packs are great to have out for easy crafting during drop off/pick up times. Activities during this time can help with kids' transition to/from camp. Also great for fill in activities or rainy days.

*Helpful to know:* Velvet art can be successfully colored with the markers or colored pencils provided. Crayons also work well so feel free to add those as a coloring option too! Use permanent markers for foam visors.

*Prep time:* Minimal. Setting out coloring suppliers and/or scratch tools.

Mess Scale: Low.

Craft Encourages: Fine Motor Skills & Creativity. Using coloring supplies and scratch artist tool.