

Field Research Challenge

Total Time Needed: 90 Minutes

Equipment Needed: For each group – park map, clipboard, printed question handout, pens, phone or other photo-taking device.

Total Staff Needed: One staff member per group, plus one home base facilitator.

For the youth & parks research, youth were divided into four or five groups depending on size.

Part 1: Field research challenge, 20 minutes

Divide youth into 4 groups.

Each group will need to have a person in each of the following roles:

- ✓ Recorder: Write down the field observations using handout, pens, and clipboard
- ✓ Photographer: Take and post the pictures to the designated place online
- ✓ Timekeeper: Make sure the group completes the work in the 20-minute timeframe
- ✓ Discussion leader: Leads group discussion for the second portion of the event

Assign each group a specific area/habitat.

Each group has a total of 7 questions/tasks to do at the area/habitat

Answers collected through written answers, photos & drawings.

A staff member takes notes during the challenge.

After completing their field research groups will return to the designated area and turn in their observations to receive their prize/reward for completion. Return to designated area.

- ✓ Turn in field observations.
- ✓ Receive reward for completion.
- ✓ Transition to group discussion area.

Part 2: Group discussion

This portion takes about 35 minutes. Youth can eat dinner during this time. For the discussions, each habitat discussion leader will have a set of prepared questions to ask their fellow participants. Groups can be made by regrouping the youth so they sit and talk with youth who visited another park area to encourage sharing about the different experiences each environment provided. Each of the four discussion groups will have a research team observer for note taking and to help facilitate the conversation, if necessary.

6. Best selfie spot? Everyone take a selfie. Why did you choose the spot you did?

7. Best group pic spot? Take a group picture. Why did you choose the spot you did?

Group Discussion Questions

1. What parks have you been to in the past?

2. How do you usually get to the parks?

3. Why do you go to the parks & what do you do there?

4. What is your favorite activity to do in the parks?

