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The Naturalist's Trading Post

A Unique Place Where Children Learn, Share, & Trade

The Naturalist's Trading Post is a unique learning station that will open to pint-sized naturalists on January 26 at the North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall.

What is the Naturalist's Trading Post? It is literally a "store" where children bring in something that they have found, a pine-cone, the exoskeleton of an insect, a fossil or an interesting rock. The children are required learn two facts about their find before they come to the store because they will be asked about their find by a Park Naturalist.

Children will earn points based on their findings and knowledge of the object. Young naturalists may then use their points to trade for other objects in the store or save their points and use them later.

What can you bring? The Naturalist's Trading Post will accept clean bones (*except bird bones*), clean shells, clean insect and crustacean exoskeletons, snake sheds, rocks and minerals, fossils, plant parts, antlers, casts of animal footprints, and nature journal entries, drawings, and photographs.

Junior Naturalists should remember to leave bird's nests, eggs, dead animals, and living plants and animals where you find them, Mother Nature still needs them. Take only items not protected by law, if you are not sure ask a park ranger. Do not collect items from Federal, State, or County Parks and Preserves. Start looking in your own backyard!

**Trading Post Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

For more information call (239) 252-4060 or (239) 252-4024.

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