



## Nature Architects

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Here at Red Butte Garden, we believe learning is fun and can happen anytime, anywhere. To help continue the fun at home, we've included an outline of the topics we'll study this week at camp as well as a list of additional activities, books, and other resources related to this week's theme. We hope you'll use this to engage with your camper and keep the learning process happening all summer long! Thanks for coming to Summer Camp, and we'll see you soon at the Garden!

#### CAMP THEME

Did you know humans aren't the only architects on the planet? Spend your mornings working with Red Butte Garden to learn about the amazing things animals build in nature like bird nests, anthills, beehives, and more. In the afternoon, work with the experts at Play-Well TEKologies to practice what you've learned by building cool nature-inspired projects with LEGO bricks.

- **Monday** – Beaver Dams
- **Tuesday** – Anthills
- **Wednesday** – Bird Nests
- **Thursday** – Beehives
- **Friday** – Nature Architects Building Challenge

#### ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Try making your own bird nest
  - <http://onetimethrough.com/diy-birds-nest-science-and-craft/>
- Make some yummy treats inspired by bird nests
  - <https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/birds-nest-cookies/>
- Learn about architecture around the world
  - <https://kidworldcitizen.org/world-architecture-for-kids/>
- Take a nature walk and look for different nature architecture, such as nests, hives, and anthills.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Animal Architects: Amazing Animals Who Build Their Homes* by Julio Antonio Blasco
- *How Animals Build* by Moira Butterfield and Tim Hutchinson
- *The True Book of Animal Homes* by Illa Pendenorf