



READY FOR ADVENTURE?

Audience: All ages can participate, but primarily for children ages 5-10.

Setting: Special event booth

Theme: You can be prepared for your time in the natural areas and be safe by taking along 5 simple items.

Description: Visitors match pictures of natural area hazards with preventative action pictures then take home a list of five simple things to pack on an outdoor adventure.

Recommended Time: Typically takes about 10 minutes.

Materials List:

For the activity/game:

- Table
- Tape
- Basket
- Photographs of possible dangers and preventative actions
- Directions for game sign
- Prizes (stickers, stamps)
- Half page handouts

Hazard and prevention photographs:

- Rattlesnake: Shoe
- Guy lost: compass or GPS unit or map
- Woman in the rain: Jacket
- Kids eating fruit: Snacks (apple, orange, nuts)
- Scraped knees: Band-aids
- Mosquito: Bug spray
- Ambulance: Cell Phone
- Guy under bright hot sun: Water bottle and/or chapstick
- Kids with sunburns: Sunscreen and/or chapstick

Tabletop Display:

- Trifold display board
- Maps and brochures to hand out
- Giveaway items (chapstick, stickers, etc.)
- Table and awning (if needed)
- Tablecloth
- Baskets and decorative items

Procedure:

1. Set up the display.
2. Set up the activity table, tape the photographs onto the table top in a spread out fashion. Place the matching items in the basket next to the table. Hang a directions sign by the table.
3. Invite people to play a game. Ask them to match the items in the basket to the picture of what it helps with. You may need to help out with the first one (especially if they're young). Encourage them to try the others once they get one. *Some items may go with more than one photo.*
4. If they match wrong, guide them to making the right match by asking questions. Remember this is designed to get them to think about being prepared and planning ahead.
5. Congratulate them when they match all the items, and ask them to put the items back into the basket so others can play.
6. Get them their prize.
7. Give them a half page sheet and any other brochures and encourage them to come to the natural areas!
8. Thank them for playing!

This activity was developed by Jessica Miller of the City of Fort Collins Master Naturalist Program.