

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN COVID TIMES: THREE MODELS OF ENGAGEMENT

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1. DIGITAL DISCOVERY HUNTS & GARBOLOGY LESSONS

Crafts & lessons:

- Have clear list of materials
- Focus on what they have at home
- Simple activities with longer play are preferred

Discovery Hunts

- Clear about place and creature
- Closer shots
- Nature is everywhere, find it near you













2. VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMPS

- Contactless interaction
- Prompts twice a day to go outside
- Scheduled sharing times increase engagement
 - Excited to show and tell
 - Curious about other's work
- Positive energy ALWAYS
- Adjust to their comfort level and strategically increase it
- Last day was "presentation day"- parents and friends invited















3. IN-PERSON CAMPS

- Groups of 8 kids 2 adults
- Established pods
- Positive reinforcement
- Advice from our Camp Director, Nora Kelly:
 - Written health plan that you can follow
 - Have on-call back up staff
 - Make sure parents and staff understand risk and are comfortable with it (manage expectations)















THANK YOU



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