



little bugs club

# Rockledge Gardens

# Learning Stations

# 1 Wings of Wonder

The tour starts in the butterfly enclosure.

Can you find all the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle? Egg, Larvae (Caterpillar), Chrysalis and Butterfly.

What flowers do you see? These flowers contain nectar, which is food for the butterflies. Watch how the butterflies drink nectar from the flowers.

Fun Fact: Did you know caterpillars are picky eaters and only eat certain plants!

For example, Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed! So their moms do them a favor and make sure to lay their eggs on the plants they like, aka, their host plant.

## 2 Club House

The Little Bugs Club area is where we learn about nature and have fun with friends.

We discuss topics that encourage an appreciation of nature in our own backyard.

## 3. Bats!

This bat house offers a refuge to encourage our winged-mammal friends to stick around and eat mosquitoes!

Bats use a process of echolocation to find their food, which is the same way dolphins find their food.

Sit outside one evening, just before sunset and see how many bats you can find flying in the sky.

## 4 Grow What You Eat!

More and more families are growing food in their backyards. On your way to the Sunflower station, take a walk through the food forest garden.

What do you see growing?

Do you spot any bananas? pineapples? passion fruit? cherries? watermelon? sunflowers?

Now, find the Sunflower station and plant your own sunflower!



## 5 Florida Farming

From garden to grocery, plants are our number one food source.

Our climate is ideal for growing a variety of crops for most of the year!

Learn what fruits and vegetables are in season by visiting our farmers market where we sell locally grown fruit and veges all year long!

Don't forget to peek behind the farmer's market to and see our new U-Pick Farm.



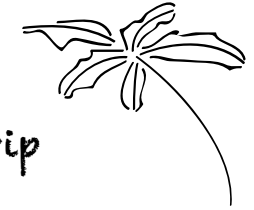
## 6 Wetland Wonders

Wetlands are one of Florida's most valuable natural resources, yet they are quickly disappearing.

Look closely at the ponds and water gardens and see how many living creatures you can find.

Plants? Tadpoles? Snails? Mosquito Larvae? Minnows? Koi fish?

These critters provide many benefits to our ecosystem and help keep our water clean.



## 7 Tropical Trip

Head into the greenhouse to find some interesting tropical plants.

These plants like warm climates, and are perfect to grow inside your home!

Which plants do you like the best?

Be careful! Some have spikes!!

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