

OMAHA EXPLORERS: ECOSYSTEM SCAVENGER HUNT



Name: _____

Directions:

Check off each item as you find it.

Producers:

- A tree so big you cannot wrap your arms around the trunk
- A tree that is small enough that you can wrap your hand around the trunk
- 3 different colors of leaves or flowers
- 3 different kinds of "grass" (look closely at the leaves, or blades of grass and find 3 unique ones)
- Two different kinds of seeds



Consumers (signs of consumers):

- An insect (insects have 6 legs)
- A spider (spiders have 8 legs)
- A worm
- A bug with more than 8 legs
- A bird's nest
- An animal footprint
- A mammal
- A bug under a rock (what else is under the rock?)

Decomposers (signs of decomposition):

- A mushroom
- A slug
- A rotten tree stump (look closely - what's inside?)

Non-Living (abiotic) Items:

- Feel the wind
- Soil (what does it feel like? what does it smell like?)
- Two different kinds of rocks
- Water in 3 places



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



Draw or write your answers in the space below:

What was the most interesting thing you found?

What surprised you about your exploration?

How do you think an ecosystem exploration would be different during the winter? How would it be different during the summer?

What did you learn during your adventure today?

