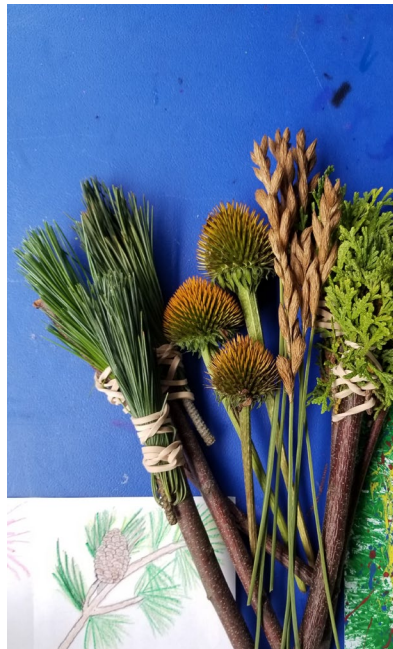


Painting with Plants

This activity is to introduce youth to unique attributes and differences amongst plants. Various natural brushes, flowers and seed heads could be used for this project. The activity will begin by allowing the youth to explore each item such as differences in color, textures, shapes and sizes.

Materials Needed:

- Twigs (Around 8" in length)
- Twine or rubber bands
- Pine needle bundles or other evergreen leaves
- Fresh flowers (Can be collected and kept alive in water)
- Any interesting seed heads or leaves that can be used to paint with or add texture
- Washable, non-toxic acrylic paint, Cardstock (Need thick paper), Paper dish (For paint) and Small rocks or clothespins (To place on top of paintings as they dry)
- Paper towels, Gloves, Hand wipes, Table cover and Tarp (To place paintings on to dry)



Instructions:

Branches can be obtained a week prior to the activity. Try to select branches that are softer and have no jagged or rough spots since people will be holding them. Fresh flowers should be obtained the morning of the activity. Evergreen or plant material that is being attached to the branch can be done so by either tying several lengths of twine around it or by twisting a rubber band around it.