



**Draw a line from the names below
to the animals they match.**

Red Fox

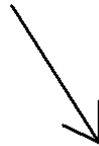
Which animal do you like the best
that you see in the nature center?

Turkey

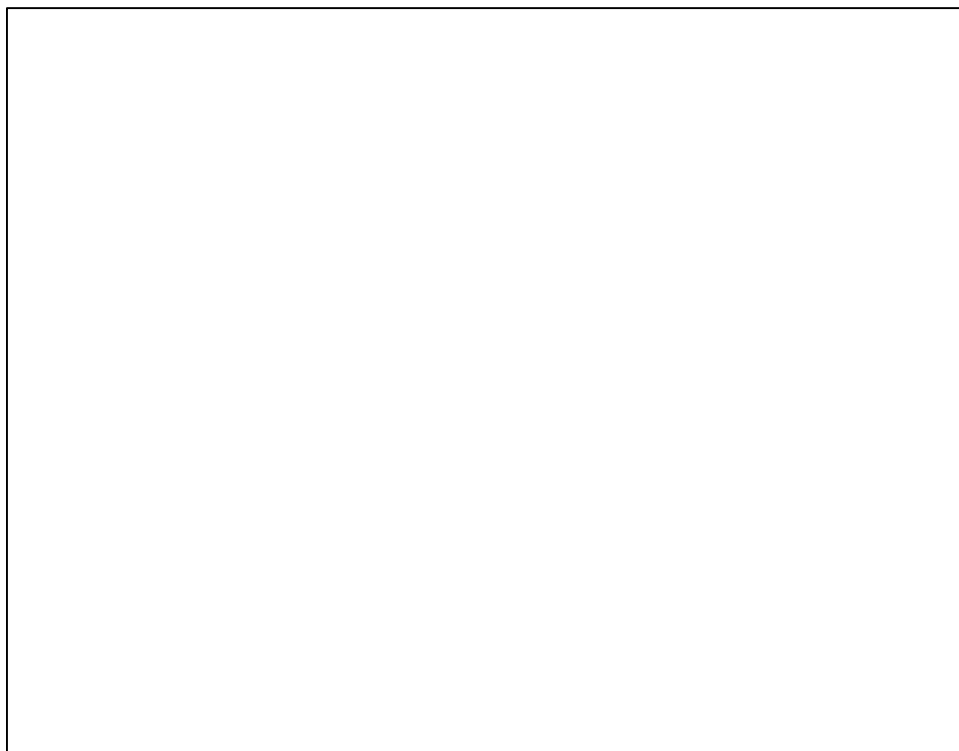
Wood Duck

White-tailed Deer

Black Bear



Now draw a picture of it!
















Nature Math

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Tired of plain math using numbers? Well what do you get when
ld up the following features, pictures, and information?

Unique Feature	+		+		+		+	
	+	Fur	+	51 Teeth	+	Omnivore	+	Mar
	+	NC Record 40 lbs. 8 oz.	+	Whiskers (like a cat)	+	Fins	+	Eats f
	+	Scales	+	Fins	+	Fish	+	Long f
	+	Eats small fish	+	Scales	+	Fins	+	Long
	+	Has Fur	+	Omnivore	+	Claws	+	Like woo sw
	+	Reptile	+	Shell	+	Yellow Belly	+	Omn
	+	Herbivore	+	Mammal	+	Flat tail for swimming	+	Eats ba tr

	+	Crest	+	Wings	+	Feathers	+	E Ac
	+	Reptile	+	Unique Scale Pattern	+	Venomous	+	Ra
	+	Nocturnal	+	Bird	+	Feathers	+	Ear
				Extra		Credit		
	+	NC State Shell	+	Shallow water	+	Made by marine snail	+	Mo

Definition of Terms

Marsupial – Pouched Mammal,

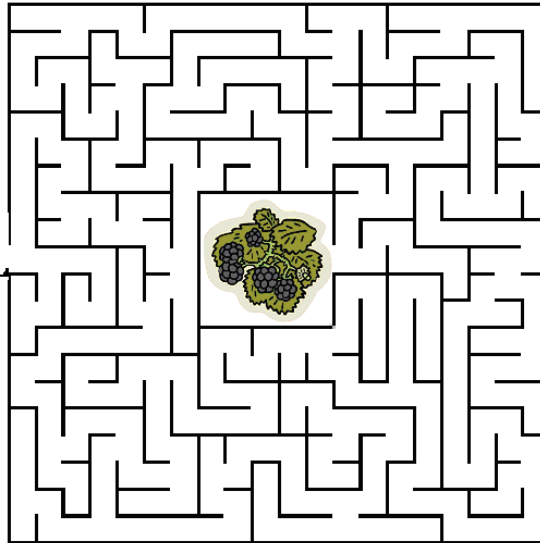
Omnivore – Eats both plants and animals

Herbivore – Eats only plant life

Nocturnal – Prefers to come out at night

River Park North 3rd Grade Activity Sheet

Help the black bear find
his berries!



Gray Fox
Eastern Cottonmouth

Chain Pickerel
Eastern Painted Turtle

Western Habitats of North America

The answers to the below questions can be found in the word bank above.

I am about the size of a small dog. I have a bushy gray tail that has a black tip. I have pointed ears and a pointed snout, I can weigh from 7-14 pounds and I'm mostly gray. I eat mostly rodents, rabbits, and birds. Who am I?

I get my name from the chain-like markings on my body. I have a slender body, long mouth, and needle-sharp teeth. Females of my species lay up to 50,000 eggs at one time! Who am I?

I am a highly venomous water snake. I am known for my distinctive white, cotton-like mouth that I open widely in a defensive posture whenever I feel threatened. I am considered a pit viper, and I can hunt a creature by sensing its body's heat! Who am I?

I am a multicolored turtle with dark brown or black on my shell and red markings on the outer edge. I also have red markings on my legs, and the rim of my belly. I have two yellow spots behind each eye. I eat vegetation and anything that happens to be swimming by slowly enough. Who am I?

Timber wolves like me need to have a lot of space to roam and hunt. The pack I lead runs in an alpine forest hunting mostly caribou. I really prefer the snowshoe hares when I can catch them! Where am I?

River Park North Word Search



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Find the answers to the below questions in the word box!

I have a reddish coloration all over my body that I am named for. My ear tips and lower legs are black. I have a long bushy tail with a white tip. I eat rodents, rabbits, and birds. I am small and very crafty, and often hunted for sport. Who am I?

I am the largest wild dog in North America. I can get as big as 175 pounds and 6 feet in length. My usual coloration is gray but I can be all white or all black as well. I hunt in social packs and eat deer, elk, caribou, and moose. What am I?

I am the largest member of the weasel family, weighing in at up to 36 pounds. I live in the Northwestern United States, Canada, and Alaska. I am used to snowy environments and my wide feet and short legs help me find food in even the worst conditions. I have retractable claws, powerful jaws, and sharp teeth. I eat whatever I can find that contains meat, and I will even steal from other animals like cougars and wolves. Who am I?

I'm not very big, but I am unique! I have a golden yellow body with bright orange, and six to eight dark vertical bands. I eat small fish, insects, crayfish, and aquatic snails. Who am I?

I can be found in cane breaks up and down the Western Piedmont and NC Mountains as well as Eastern NC. I have dark blotches and wavy cross bands across my back. I am very good at controlling rodent populations. I have a distinctive rattle that makes a buzzing or rattling noise when I feel threatened. Who am I?

The top of my shell is dark green or nearly all black if I'm old, but my bottom is yellow with occasional dark spots. I bask on logs and low branches in the sunlight, and will slide into the water when I feel threatened. I eat snails, insects, minnows, and water vegetation. Who am I?

I got named for the horizontal barring on my front. I am an owl with a round head and large dark eyes. Who am I?

Most people around here call me Bream. I have a wide body with a small head and mouth. I have dark greenish skin with several dark bars in a vertical pattern near the top. I like clear, quiet water and I can be found in most freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. Who am I?



River Park North Word Search KEY

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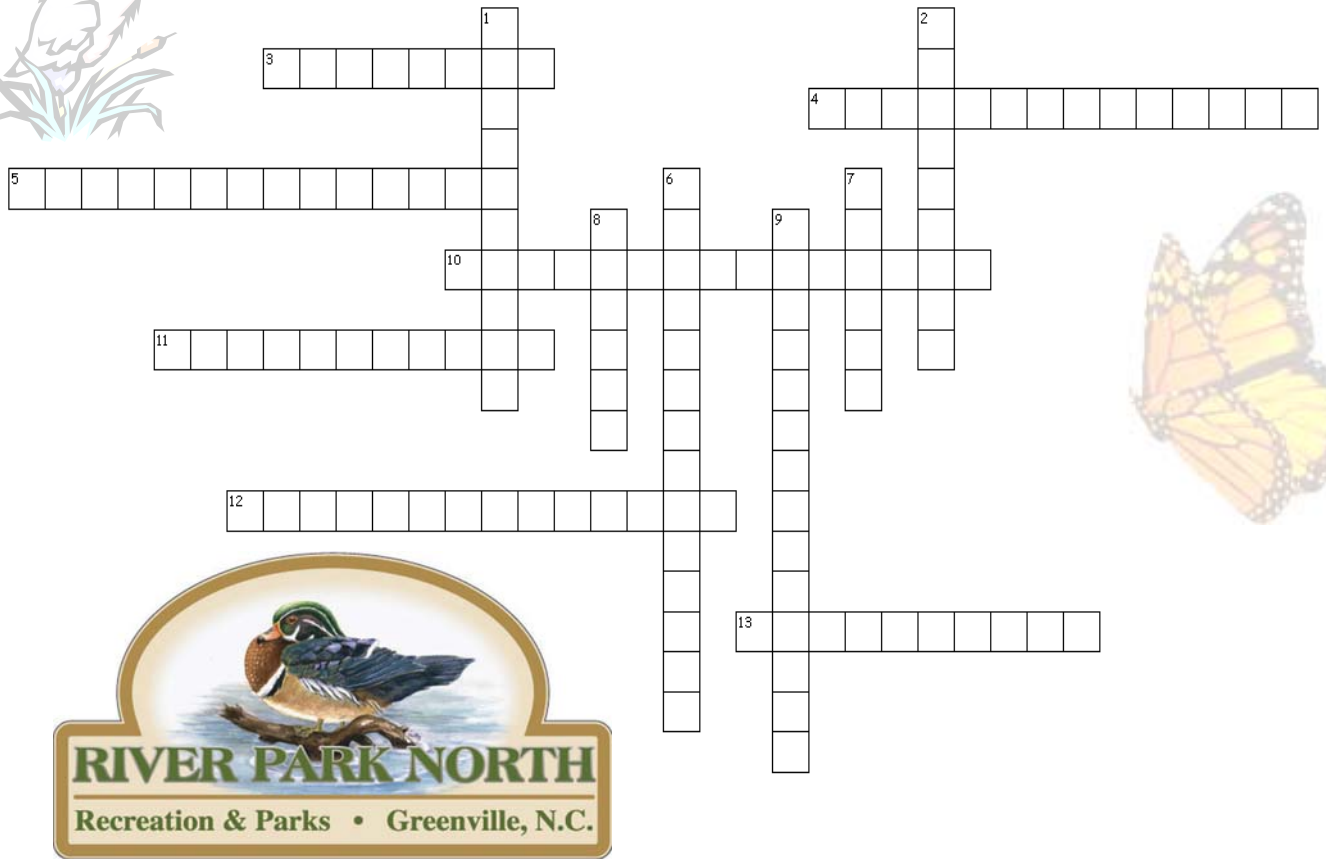
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River Park North Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. Turtle that emits a distinctive musky odor when threatened, is a great climber, small, and dark brown

4. Biggest nocturnal bird in NC, has horn-like ear tufts

5. I defend myself by snapping or biting when threatened and I have a spiky shell

10. Often hunted for meat, has white spots on brown fur when young, white tail is seen as animal flees at the first sign of danger

11. Fish with elongated body and long snout filled with needle-sharp teeth

12. Location of animals such as black bear, Virginia Opossum, and Copperhead

13. Lives in forests and swamps areas, bird with no feathers on head and are short-ranged flyers

Down

1. This snake's head is distinctly triangular and has a coppery brown coloring. Responsible for 90% of venomous snakebites in NC

2. An animal you shouldn't feed, black or brown coloration, weighs 100-600 pounds with excellent climbing ability

6. Also known as 'Ol' Whiskers', large fish with white belly and multicolored back

7. Animal with reddish coloration on body, tips of ears and tail are black, very crafty and hunted for sport

8. Largest rodent in North America, builds lodges and dams

9. Location of timber wolves, snow-shoe hare, and grizzly bears



River Park North's Animal Jumble

Use the answers to the questions below as hints to solve the word jumble and riddle!


I am a turtle known for my unique musky odor that I release when threatened. I am small and dark brown with a light line above my eye. I am a great climber, and I climb several feet high on branches overhanging water to bask in the sun and drop into the water when I need to make a speedy escape from predators. Who am I?

I am the most common and widespread venomous snake in North Carolina. I am known by the coppery brown color of my head. My head is also distinctly triangular and I have large hourglass shaped bands over my back. I am known as a pit viper, and can track my prey through its body's heat. I am responsible for 90% of the venomous snakebites in NC, although they do not usually prove fatal if medical treatment is found. Who am I?

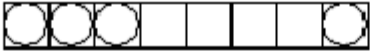


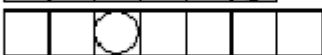
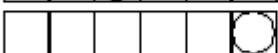
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I have a distinctive black mask coloration on my face. I also have a ringed tail. I have humanlike front paws, a great sense of touch, and soft padded feet. I eat a large variety of things including fish, frogs, birds and their eggs, and scraps of trash left by humans! Who am I?

I am a feline you will rarely see in the wild. I have short fur that is slightly spotted, especially on my legs. My ears are pointed at the tip, and I have a short, stubby tail. I eat mostly birds and rodents. Who am I?

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the answer to the question:

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FIBWON 
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