



Campbell Creek Science Center

Interview a Tree

Have you ever asked a tree a question? In this activity you can learn all about a tree just by asking it a few questions and exploring the answers.

Directions

Pick a tree. Any tree. Perhaps one close to your home or one you find while out on a walk. Explore your tree to find the answers to the interview questions below.

Interview Questions

1. Stand back from your tree. What is the shape? Tall and skinny? Fat and bushy? Straight? Crooked? Curvy?
2. How old do you think your tree is? Is it older than you? Than your parents? Than your grandparents? Than your great-grandparents?
3. Can you find leaves or needles on or under your tree? What do the leaves or needles look like? Draw them.
4. Does your tree have any moss or lichen growing on it? Where? What does it look like?

5. How big is the trunk of your tree? Estimate the *circumference* (distance around the trunk) using your hands or arms.

6. Look for signs of critters such as insects, squirrels, or birds. Can you find a nest or animal home?
7. What else do you observe about your tree? What other questions do you have for your tree?

