ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN COVID TIMES: THREE MODELS OF ENGAGEMENT

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1. DIGITAL DISCOVERY HUNTS & GARBEOLOGY LESSONS

Crafts & lessons:
• Have clear list of materials
• Focus on what they have at home
• Simple activities with longer play are preferred

Discovery Hunts
• Clear about place and creature
• Closer shots
• Nature is everywhere, find it near you
2. VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMPS

- Contactless interaction
- Prompts twice a day to go outside
- Scheduled sharing times increase engagement
  - Excited to show and tell
  - Curious about other’s work
- Positive energy ALWAYS
- Adjust to their comfort level and strategically increase it
- Last day was “presentation day”- parents and friends invited

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3. IN-PERSON CAMPS

• Groups of 8 kids 2 adults
• Established pods
• Positive reinforcement
• Advice from our Camp Director, Nora Kelly:
  • Written health plan that you can follow
  • Have on-call back up staff
  • Make sure parents and staff understand risk and are comfortable with it (manage expectations)

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