

JES AVANTI BIOBLITZ SUMMER 2020

Greetings!

We are excited to offer our first virtual BioBlitz adventure for students ages 6-14. Parents and siblings are invited to participate too! Your family signed up with the JES Avanti Foundation to receive information on our students summer day camps and/or day trips. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the restrictions in place, we were unable to provide in person camps and activities this year.

The JES Avanti Foundation has created a safe outdoor BioBlitz adventure with the help of Naturalist, Mr. Mike Callahan.” Mr. Callahan will introduce you to a wonderful nature identification app called “iNaturalist.” You can download this app for free on your phone. Mr. Callahan will host a short Zoom meeting to explain how to use iNaturalist and where you can find our project on the app. We encourage you to become familiar with the app before the project begins.

Our adventure will involve identifying wild plants, animals, reptiles, birds, butterflies and insects with the help of your family. The iNaturalist app project timeline will be open for this adventure between 8:00 am Friday 8/14/20 through 8:00 pm Monday 8/17/20. You can search in your backyard or go to a park! Each participating family will create one registration for the project on the iNaturalist app. The app will keep track of the animals and plants you have identified over the four-day period.

There will be prizes awarded in various categories including the rarest, highest count and most unusual plants and animals identified.

The iNaturalist instructional Zoom meeting will be on August 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The Zoom meeting invitation will be e-mailed to you within 24 hours prior to the August 12, 2020 scheduled Zoom.

A second Zoom meeting on August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM will conclude our BioBlitz adventure to share the findings and announce the winners.

If you are interested in participating in the JES Avanti BioBlitz Adventure, please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Please feel free to share this invitation with friends that might also want to participate.

Thank you! We are excited to see what you find!