

## The 2009 Discovery Project

### Ranger Club Sessions

#### **April 2009 : Egg-citing Easter in the Howardian Hills**

December 2008 should have been the final set of Junior Ranger Club sessions. However, as we delivered under-budget and the end-date was July 2009, we were able to carry out four more days of activities using the HLF grant. The following sessions took place in the Easter Holidays.

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Biodiversity and Cultural heritage 'Treasures, tombs and decomposers' Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April (am)	Mini-beast hunt in the leaves and under dead wood. Making bugs out of recyclables. Learning about the tombs and burial mounds of the past. What would the children have put in their tomb with them? What would they avoid putting in? (link to composting etc – would you really take chocolate!?)	25
Landscape and biodiversity 'Take it or leaf it!' Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Deciduous or coniferous? How can I work out how tall a tree is? Blowing tree skeletons, taking bark rubbings and making collages from leaves they have collected.	17
Cultural heritage 'Behind the scenes' Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April (am)	National Trust kindly offered access to Nunnington Hall and a guide. A chance to experience the sights and smells of the past. How did the maid live? What jobs did people carry out? What toys did the children have? Crafts included plate and candle-holder painting.	25
Landscape 'High flying' Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	A session focussing on the River Rye and the food chains that it supports. Making kites, crystal dragonflies, butterfly prints and flapping fish.	23
Geology 'Rocking with geology' Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April (am)	Where does local stone come from and how was it formed? Search for fossils in Hovingham. Make a fossil cast to take home.	26
Enjoying the outdoors 'Marvellous maps – How not to get lost!' Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Working in groups to follow clues to solve a treasure hunt around Hovingham. Introduction to maps and compasses for family groups.	21
Biodiversity 'Spring has sprung' Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (am)	Bird watching from the bridleways and footpaths through Hovingham Estate. Gathering material to weave nests in cardboard bowls (then lining them and filling with eggs!). Marbling eggs and decorating eggs.	20
Biodiversity 'Wet and wild' Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Discovering the creatures that live in Hovingham Beck. Pond dipping and identifying through magnifiers. Making stained glass window stickers with a watery theme.	30

#### **October 2009 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills**

We have decided to support the continuation of the Junior Ranger Club. It provides a valuable and currently unique insight into the Howardian Hills for children in its target age range. The activities are diverse; they are suited to boys and girls and can be adapted to accommodate younger children as well as the 7-11 year olds that we aim to attract. The requirement for parents to attend alongside the children that they bring means that we now get the opportunity to spread the word to these adults about the AONB and the work of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust as well as providing informal educational activities for their children.

The activities that we have planned for the October Half-Term Holiday are:

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Biodiversity and Cultural heritage 'Amazing apples' Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October (am) at Slingsby	A visit to the historic orchard in Slingsby which has now come into management once again. Apples will be picked to be washed and tasted back at the village hall. Apple bobbing, apple bird feeders and mask making will be amongst the activities on offer.	
Recycling and autumn leaves 'Pulpitations' Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October (pm) at Slingsby	We will be collecting autumn leaves and including them in our paper making. The paper making will be lead by Niki Hampson (Pulpitations workshop at Dalby Forest) and the children will be making the paper from recycled newspaper and natural materials. Session will include other types of recycling, composting etc in the introductory discussion.	
Landscape and biodiversity 'Tremendous trees' Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October (am) at Nunnington	Getting to know trees – bark rubbing, paint blowing, paper-weaving and making a giant tree collage. A visit to Nunnington Studios to see the potter using her wheel (linking into the afternoon session)	
Landscape, local business and an element of heritage 'Autumn pottery' Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October (pm) at Nunnington	The potter from Nunnington Studios will lead this session in which the children will be making their own pots. They will build autumn leaves and nuts into the pots.	