

POLLINATOR WATERING STATION

Humans depend on pollinators like bees to help grow much of the food we eat. Just like all other animals, bees need water to survive. Bees need our help, now more than ever, as many colonies are dying for unknown reasons. Bees will return to reliable water sources, so keep yours full!

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

Recommended Ages: Grades K-3

Estimated Time: 10 – 20 minutes

Stuff you'll need: A shallow dish, marbles or rocks, and art supplies (optional)

Caregivers should consider: Is anyone in the family allergic to bee stings? Where would be a good place to put a pollinator watering station so that bees aren't a bother to the family? Would it be okay if I turned this dish into a watering station that will remain outside?

THE FUN PART

1. Find an old dish, disposable pan, or flowerpot base and ask if it's okay to make something out of it.
2. Decorate the dish if you wish! Bees are attracted to bright colors, especially blue and purple. Try not to use washable marker or paint since this dish will hold water and stay outside.
3. Place some small rocks, marbles or other items in the bottom of the dish. The bees will use these to stand while they drink!
4. Find the best place for your pollinator watering station. Try to stay away from human spaces. Make sure pets don't drink all the water. Place the station near flowers that attract bees.
5. Fill the dish with cool water regularly. Keep the water below the tops of the rocks or marbles so the bees won't drown. Dump out any water at the end of the day to prevent mosquitoes from multiplying. Never add sugar or honey to the water.
6. Way to go! You did it! Share a picture of your pollinator watering station on social media, with your parents' permission. Use the hashtag #GSGIDIY

BADGE OR JOURNEY STEPS COMPLETED

Daisy Journey: Between Earth and Sky –
Take Action Project

Daisy Journey: 5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals – Step 1

Daisy Journey: Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden –
Take Action Project

Brownie Bugs Badge – Steps 2 & 3

