



# What is a Naturalist?

A park naturalist works to help people learn and love nature. A park naturalist is part teacher, part scientist, and part park ranger. They are resources for park visitors to learn about local plants and animals as well as larger ecological systems. They are advocates for playing outside and facilitators of muddy mischief. The park naturalists at Black Hill manage wildlife habitat and nature play spaces, lead summer camps, grow community around Black Hill Discovery Center, Black Hill Regional Park, and much more!

## What it means to be a Junior Naturalist

As a Junior Naturalist, you are learning skills that will help you become a great park naturalist someday! Nature knowledge, keen observation skills, and never-ending curiosity are musts for any successful naturalist!

## How to become a Junior Naturalist:

### 1. Complete as many pages as you can



Activities with the frog are designed for naturalists of all ages



Activities with the dragonfly are designed for the younger naturalists (under 7)



Activities with the beetle are designed for the older naturalists (7-12)

Complete any of the activities, for any age, that interest you - these are just suggestions!

### **2. Attend a naturalist-led program if you can. To find available programs visit [www.activemontgomery.com](http://www.activemontgomery.com)**

### **3. Bring your completed book to the Discovery Center for a patch.**

### **4. Tell us your best nature-themed joke!**

