

# Get Outside!

Young Naturalist Club



Nature Activity Page

## Beach Notes...

### Make a Beach Mobile

On your walk along a sandy beach, you'll find all sorts of things besides shells. Look for pieces of driftwood and beach glass; search for empty crayfish shells, and if you're lucky, a rare freshwater clam. What can you do with all these critters? Make a mobile and hang some of your finds together as a memento of your lakeside ventures. Use the driftwood as the supports and hang the smaller items with white thread. This is a good rainy day project, when spending time on the beach is not possible!



Here is an example of a mobile done with items from nature. Try doing the same thing with items you find on the beach!



### Sand Pipers

No, these aren't Scottish Bagpipers on the beach! Sand Pipers are one of many birds along the shore that have special adaptations. Can you see how their bills are designed for scooping food from the water or for spearing it? Look for one of these birds the next time you stroll the beach.



### Sun Poetry

Does a sunny day put you in a sunny mood?

Let some of these stories and poems light your day!

- Crayons by Marchette Chute (poem)
- Spider in the Sky adapted by Anne Rose (story)
- Sun After Rain by Norma Farber (poem)
- Sun Grumble by Claudie Fregosi (story)
- The Sun's Asleep Behind the Hill by Mirra Ginsburg (story).



## Henry Knows!



Dear Howling Henry,  
What is the black stuff in the sand at the beach?



The dark, black stuff in the sand is called, black sand. It is sand with minute bits of iron in the sand. You can test this by passing a magnet over the sand and seeing what it attracts. The tiny iron particles will be picked right up and cling to the magnet. The rest of the sand, the light brown, is mainly tiny pieces of granite, quartz and other rocks and minerals.

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## Explore a Nature Preserve!

### Andreae Nature Preserve

Directions to the Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve:

From Indian River take M-68 east for 5 miles and turn left onto Onaway Road. Follow Onaway Road about 1½ miles to Riverwood Road and turn right. At the "T" junction with Big Sky Trail, the preserve sign is visible near the gate.



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### Agnes S. Andreae Preserve