

# TALES FROM THE TRAIL

Explore Columbia Springs through our awesome Nature Nuts Summer Day Camp program for elementary students!



**In 2015,** our staff and interns stayed busy with campers building survival shelters, dissecting owl pellets, hiking, playing many rounds of decomposer tag and so much more! Doesn't that sound fun?



Making Paper!

**"I am proud of each of my campers. I saw each camper grow throughout the week. I saw shyness disappear, skills develop, friendships blossom and a passion for nature and all forms of life beginning to take hold."**  
- Maggie, Camp Counselor



Lunch and Story Break!

*"My son was very impressed with your program this summer! I wish I could express the excitement and the wonder he would come home with each day. Please keep doing what you are doing!"- A Camper's Mom*

## SUMMER CAMPERS WASTE NOT!

Recycling, composting and other earth-friendly practices were main themes throughout the week. Here were some camper favorites:

- Making their own recycled paper
- Building "scribbler" robots out of common recyclables, and old mechanical toys
- Daily lunch waste audit and waste reduction discussion, book or game with Waste Connections staff— including the popular, "Recycle relay"
- A memorable field trip to the transfer station to see where our "Big Blue" recycling items end up and how they're sorted
- Daily crafts of recycled materials— including toilet paper roll owls and milk carton birdhouses!
- Daily lunch composting in a camper made worm-bin, compost sorting and planting mini-gardens of edible greens to take home



Recycle Crafts!



Sifting compost!



Decomposer tag!

## SUMMER CAMPERS SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY:

*"Summer camp lived up to everything my daughter hoped for and more. She is already talking to her step- dad about the compost bin she wants to make with him!" -Camper Mom*