

WAJ Science Club Summary —#2

November 30, 2023

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Chaperones: 4 * **Students:** 25



The weather cooperated for this late November meeting and we were able to enjoy another walk in the forest. This time we focused on the interactions that occur between plants and animals in an ecosystem. We talked about habitat, predator-prey

relationships and animal communication. We played an interactive game called “The Web of

Life” where students each had a card representing a local animal or plant and were charged with throwing a ball of yarn to another student who’s card connected to their card in some way. This created a giant web. We continued the game by modeling what happens if all of the insects are removed from the web, for example.



Each student holding an insect card crouched down. Then students who felt a tug on the string knelt down until the entire web had collapsed. We briefly discussed how disruption to one thing and nature often affect others. We finished with a quick moment to view the pond.

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