UNBE-LEAFABLE...

Trees are an essential part of our living environment. Whether providing food, oxygen, or housing, trees play a role in nearly every aspect of our lives.

I’M OUTSIDE ✓

WHAT’S NEXT?

Get moving—Find a single or group of trees in your neighborhood.

Observe—Look high, look low! Trees serve as habitats for animals that are active both in the air and on the ground.

Look closer—Notice any clues to an animal’s presence? Holes, nests and markings, as pictured in the photos to the right, indicate animal activity.

Leave No Trace—“Take only pictures, leave only footprints.” Respect the wildlife around you by not touching or disturbing the habitat. This reduces environmental impact and maintains a balanced, connected ecosystem.

CLICK IT UP A NOTCH

Connect—Check out www.powerpoetry.org, an online collective where young people gather to write their “own life story”, poe-tree included :)

Research—Take the Leafsnap App on your walk with you. This electronic field guide has visual recognition technology that helps you identify a tree’s species by leaf photo alone.

GET WORDY

Foliage—Grouped leaves of a plant.

Bud—A new, small plant growth that may become a leaf, flower or shoot.

Bark—The hard outer layer or “skin” that covers and protects a tree.

Dendrochronology—The process by which we age a tree from the inside out.

Habitat—A home for an animal or plant.

Dendrochronology is the process by which we age a tree from the inside out. As every year passes, trees grow up and also grow out! Trunks get taller and wider adding a ring of growth on the inside. The size of the ring tells us if the tree had enough water and warm temperatures to grow well. Big rings describe healthy growth while small rings show a year of poor growth conditions.

HOW OLD IS THE TREE ABOVE? Count the circles or rings to find out. Each ring represents one year. This tree is ___ years old.

FUN FACT:

Tree products are used every day in the most unexpected places!

Go on a hunt through your home for surprising tree products. How many tree products can you find? Check off your results below.

- Maple syrup
- Apple
- Chocolate
- Pencil
- Paper towels
- Wood furniture
- Cork
- Cinnamon