

Animal Olympics

Try some of the amazing skills that animals have and see how people stack up to the animal world!

Station 1: Hummingbird



A hummingbird can beat its wings 90 times a second. How many times can you flap your “wings” (arms) in five seconds. Have someone help time and count. **Record on Feat Sheet.**

Station 2: Bullfrog



A bullfrog can jump 7 feet. Draw out on sidewalk or pavement a starting/jumping line and additional lines at 6” to one-foot intervals from there. Stand at starting line and do a standing long jump – no running start! **Record on Feat Sheet.**

Station 3: Snake



A snake is able to slither on its belly under objects without legs/feet. Set up three heights of “limbo” poles and see if you can make your way under each pole without knocking off the pole. The highest poles you can limbo under but the lowest pole, you must slither on your belly! **Record on Feat Sheet.**

Station 4: Fox



A fox can run about 26 mph at top speed = .43 miles (763 yds.) per minute = approx. 125 yds. in 10 seconds. Create a running course about 125 -150 yds. long and see how far you can run in 10 seconds. **Record on Feat Sheet.**

Station 5: Skunk



A skunk can spray its scent 5-10 feet with accuracy. Use a squirt guns and targets (cup or small bucket) to see how accurately you can spray water. Stand about 5’ from a cup and try to fill it with water with 20-30 pulls of the squirt gun trigger. Measure how much water was collected and **record on Feat Sheet.**

Station 6: Ant



An ant can carry 20 times its own weight. You will need a 5-gallon buckets rope and heavy objects. Tie the rope to the handle of the bucket and throw the rope over a sturdy tree branch. Put a heavy object in the bucket and see if you can pull the free end of the rope to raise the bucket off the ground. Keep adding objects until the bucket can’t be lifted COMFORTABLY anymore. **Record on Feat Sheet.** (If you know how much you weigh, you can figure how much you would be able to lift if you were an ant.)

Reflect:

What activity was the hardest?

Which was your favorite?

Could you do the same things all the animals could do?

Maybe, yes, but could you perform the skills as efficiently?

God shows tremendous care in giving animals and us the tools we need to be successful at living. Part of that care is making us different – having different skills and talents. How boring would life be if we were all the same! If everything in nature was the same, it just wouldn’t work. It is in the differences (diversity of life) that we can find what holds us together as one (balance and stability).