

# Today

## at the Desert Botanical Garden

### I will...

- 1** Spread my wings in the sun like a butterfly. This behavior is called BASKING. Stand with your side to the sun and then your front. Which way do you feel more warmth? Do you think a butterfly would feel the same?
- 2** Look for caterpillars with black, yellow and white stripes. Caterpillars with this pattern could be Monarch or Queen Butterflies. They both eat milkweed so look for caterpillars on milkweed throughout the Garden.
- 3** Walk the Wildflower Loop trail. How many different shapes and colors of flowers do you see along the trail? Which ones seem to attract the most butterflies?
- 4** Learn the word MASQUERADING. The caterpillars of the giant swallowtail butterflies disguise themselves by looking like bird poop, which helps them avoid predators. This cool behavior is called masquerading. Visit the Center for Desert Living to look for these masquerading caterpillars on the citrus plants there.
- 5** Close my eyes and open my ears to the sounds of the Garden. Although butterflies aren't known to make much noise, our other pollinators such as hummingbirds and bees busily chatter and hum as they visit Garden flowers. Stand very still and listen for their sounds.



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