



**Magnuson Community Center Nature Programs
NATURE ADVENTURES FOR TOTS
"Beautiful Butterflies"**



"The I Love Nature Song"

(sung to the tune of Pussycat, Pussycat)

Lyrics by Emily Bishton

Butterfly, butterfly

I love you,

Yes I do!

(variations: Bumblebee, Hummingbird, Baby Bird, Apple Tree, Strawberries, and any other things in nature that your child loves!)

Build a Puddling Pond for Butterflies to Sit and Sip!

Ingredients Needed:

- A large plant saucer, garbage can lid, a piece of pond liner or other heavy plastic.
- 10-15 smooth, flat rocks, approx. as big as your hand

Step-by-Step:

1. Dig a shallow, wide hole. Set aside the soil from the hole for use in step 3.
2. Put your large plant saucer or plastic liner inside the shallow hole, with the outside of the "pond" lip at the same height as the surrounding soil.
3. Use the soil you dug from the hole to fill up the saucer or plastic liner all the way to the top.
4. Put the large flat rocks around the edge of the "pond" lip.
5. Add water to the soil to make it muddy, and keep it moist all summer long.
6. Butterflies will drink minerals from the mud to give them energy, and perch on the rocks to warm their wings for a day of flying!
7. Swallows might come and gather mud for their nests too!