



Beetles and Tortoises and Butterflies Oh My!

“On Sept 20th, Girl Scout Troop 19 visited Nevada Bugs & Butterflies (<http://nevadabugs.org/>). We held millipedes and beetles, met Mojave Desert Tortoises, and played with butterflies! We learned a lot about plants and bugs, which was a perfect compliment to the Daisy Flower Garden Journey we're working on!

The biologists at the Bugs & Butterfly house were very knowledgeable and answered questions about the various bugs and butterflies the girls caught around the yard using nets, in addition to helping the girls identify the many different butterfly species in the netted enclosure, using the butterfly guide they handed out. The girls learned all kinds of science, including: how butterflies fly and why we shouldn't touch their wings; the physical differences among different families of bugs; and the endangered species status and environmental problems the turtles are facing in the wild.

They also learned about many of the over 200 species of plants on the property (even tasted a couple); which bugs like to eat which plants; and how pollinators like native bees and butterflies help the plants as well as themselves. The girls enjoyed coaxing the butterflies to land on their fingers, holding the millipedes and beetles, and feeding the turtles!”

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