

# Outside Activity

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## Native Beehive

Not all bees live in hives! Many species, including a number of native bees here in Boulder, are solitary, and live in tiny spaces like holes in logs and cracks between twigs. You can help our local insects by creating a home for them in your backyard!

### Materials:

- Large plastic bottle cut into two cylinders
- Sticks
- Pine Cones
- Bark
- String/Yarn

**Step 1:** Cut your bottle into 2 cylinders. If you don't have a bottle, get creative and use an old pot or another sturdy item you think would make a good home for the bees!

**Step 2:** Gather materials you'll need for making the beehive. Get a variety of different sticks, pine cones and bark then arrange them inside your bottle.

**Step 3:** If you'd like to hang your bee hotel, grab some string or yarn and tie it securely around your hive to make sure it doesn't fall.

**Step 4:** Make sure the bee hive is completely stuffed with sticks, pine cones and other items so it doesn't blow away!

**Step 5:** Watch the bees come and go from your brand new bee hive hotel!