**Basic Needs of Living Things**

**Outdoor Classroom Field Journal Activity Charts**

Online Lesson Plans & Resources: https://www.alabamawildlife.org/oc-activity-basic-needs/

***Option #1 on Page 1:*** **“Basic Needs of Living Things” Brainstorming Chart –** Create a chart with one heading and two columns (or use the empty chart below on page 1) on your Elmo, white board or flipchart, and then ask the students to brainstorm to help you fill in the chart. Help the students look for patterns as evidence in their answers and discuss how they fit in a broad list of needs (*example at bottom of page 1*).

***Option #2 on Page 2:*** **“Basic Needs of Living Things” Checklist** - Put the chart on page 2 on the Elmo or whiteboard and read the informational text together with your students. Help the students look for patterns.

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| **What Does an Animal or Plant Need to Live?** | |
| **Basic Needs of Animals** | **Basic Needs of Plants** |
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| *Example Brainstorming Chart:* **What Does an Animal or Plant Need to Live?** | |
| **Needs of Animals** | **Needs of Plants** |
| Air  Water  Nuts or Seeds 🡪 Food  Plants like Grass or Leaves 🡪 Food  Worms, Insects or other Animals 🡪 Food  Protection from bad weather 🡪 Shelter  Protection from predators 🡪 Shelter | Air  Water (using their roots)  Soil 🡪 Nutrients/Food (using their roots)  Fertilizer like worm poop 🡪 Food  Sun 🡪 Sunlight (nutrients via photosynthesis)  Protection from bad weather 🡪 Shelter  Place to live and grow 🡪 Shelter |

**Basic Needs of Living Things Checklist**

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*(If you don’t have time for the Brainstorming Activity.)*

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