

OXBOW AT HOME

The Kings of Oxbow

Wildlife Wednesday “Pre-Visit” Questions

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What does venomous mean?

An animal is venomous when they inject, or insert, a toxin into a prey animal. A rattlesnake, copperhead, or some scorpions are examples of venomous animals.



Why do you think these snakes are called “king snakes?”

Answers will vary. Encourage students use prior knowledge or imagination.

How are snakes shaped? How do they move with a body shaped that way?

Snakes are shaped in an elongated, or slender shape and have no limbs, or arms/legs. They slither, sometimes from side to side, but will push themselves forward with scales on their belly.

Snakes eat their food whole -- it appears like they eat their food in one “bite.” Can you make a list of foods that you can eat in only one bite?

- **Answers will vary, but may include: cherry tomato, candy, peas, and other small foods**
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What are some foods that you do not chew when you eat them?

- **Answers will vary, but may include: applesauce, soup, sauces, yogurt, peanut butter, and other non-solid foods**
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Can you describe the shape of a snake's tongue? What does a snake do with their tongue?

A snake's tongue is shaped like a "fork," or is split down the middle. They use their tongue to sense their surroundings, especially their food. If one side of the forked tongue "tastes" more like food, the snake will go in that direction.

A king snake has a special "superpower" that you will learn about on Wildlife Wednesday. Can you think of any superpowers or abilities that animals have?

Answers will vary, the more creative the better. It may include things like climbing, flying, seeing in the dark, and so many more!

You can tell by looking at a lion's mane and size which animal is the female and which is the male. How do you think you can tell a male and female snake apart from each other?

The short answer is you can't! Stay tuned to Wildlife Wednesday for a little more information.

Make, Create, and Shake a Fake Snake!

You Will Need:

Paper plate

Scissors (adult supervision)

Markers, crayons, or pencils (anything you have)

String (about 12" long)

Hole puncher (optional)



Watch a video: <https://youtu.be/aEd94UeM0MM>
by Easy Kids Crafts

1. Draw a spiral on your plate with a black marker or pencil starting at the center and ending at the edge
2. Decorate your snake's body with a pattern or marking (like stripes or bands, dots, or whatever you choose)
3. Use your scissors to carefully cut on the spiral black line you drew.
4. The center of the spiral in the middle of the plate is your snake's head. Punch a hole near the head end. Add googly eyes or a tongue if you want and have the supplies!
5. Tie your string through the hole you punched. Your snake will move, or slither, as you dangle or wiggle the string!