COOL RIVER PROGRAM WRITING PROMPT
IF TREES COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?

Have you ever looked up at a tree and wondered about its life?

Trees can live for hundreds, sometimes even thousands of years! Some trees have lived through many centuries, seen generations of humans come and go, and watched their surroundings change drastically.

If trees could talk, what would they say? What would you ask?

If you can, go outside and sit across from a tree for this exercise. If you can’t be with a tree face to face, try to see if you can spot one from your window or just use your imagination to picture one in your head.

We’ve listed some questions below to get you started, but feel free to ask your own questions! Use your imagination to answer your questions as if you were the tree being interviewed.

- What is your name?
- What type of tree are you?
- How old are you?
- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite time of the day?
- What is your favorite season?
- What is your favorite animal?
- Do some animals use you for food or shelter?
- Tell me about a time when you saw something beautiful.
- Tell me about a time when you saw something sad.
- Tell me about a time when you felt scared.
- Tell me about a time when you felt happy.
- What do you wish humans knew about you?
- Do you have any advice for humans?

Once you are done with your interview, be sure to say thank you to your tree! If you are face to face with your tree, give it a hug, high five, or handshake!

WRITE YOUR CONVERSATION WITH A TREE HERE...

*Use the back of this sheet or another piece of paper if you need more room!

We’d love to hear what you come up with!
Send your work to coolriver@sandiegoriver.org to share your ideas!
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