#NCScconnects Virtual Activity

**Activity:** Find the Animal

**Category:** STEAM

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 3-6

**Description:** In this activity, participants will have fun finding animals or insects attached to the leaves.

**Supplies:**
- Plastic bag
- A jar with a lid
- A funnel
- Black construction paper
- Lamp

**Instructions:**
1. Using a plastic bag, collect damp leaf litter (dead and decaying leaves) from under trees and shrubs.
2. Wrap the jar with black paper and place your funnel inside.
3. Fill the funnel with leaf litter and ask an adult to position a lamp about six inches above it.
4. Turn on the light and keep it on for about two hours (do not leave it unattended). What do you see?

**Takeaways:** The heat and light will drive the small animals and insects in the leaf litter into the dark jar. Once you have examined them, return them to the place they came from.