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Activity Sheet for Exploring the Franklin Park Conservatory

Web page for the Franklin Park Conservatory = <http://www.fpconservatory.org/>

Directions to get to the FPC = <http://www.fpconservatory.org/aboutfpc.htm#directions>

Address = 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203-2040

1. If this is a self-guided trip, list the classmates (if any) that are joining you today:

2. Is this your first trip to the FPC? If not, how many times have you been here?

Look for these plant life forms:

vines (lianas)= a woody plant, typically rooted in soil, climbing up in the canopy on a tree or other "scaffold".

epiphytes= a plant growing on the surface of other plants, but not hurting them (many orchids are epiphytes).

shrubs= small woody plant, shorter than a tree, typically with multiple stems

trees= a tall woody perennial plant, with a central stem, typically 15 feet or taller in height.

herbs= Plants that do NOT make wood, typically smaller in stature.

cacti= A member of the Cactaceae botanical family

3. For EACH OF THE 6 LIFE FORMS ABOVE. provide an example of a name of one species, providing a common name (if it has one), the Genus and species, and the habitat room where you found the plant. Do not list the same one as your friends joining you on your trip.

Life form	Common name **	<i>Genus species</i>	Room where found in the FPC

4. Of the plants you've seen on your trip, which of these interests you the most? List the name of the plant. What about it makes this plant interesting to you?

5. In the Pacific Tropical room, go up into the "treehouse" – up the steps and look out onto the canopy of the room below you. Can you see lianas from here? (Y / N). Can you see palms from here ? (Y /N) . Can you see epiphytes? (Y / N)

6. [use the back of this sheet for this] In your own words, describe your experience. What was your impression of the place? Would you go to a place like this again? Did you enjoy your tour? Has this helped you decide on a plant for your class project?