Title: Informal Teaching Activities Used to Bridge the Gap Between Theory and the Real World.
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Introduction

❖ Informal teaching engages students with hands-on learning outside of the classroom!.
❖ Informal environments can offer different learning styles and allow each student to learn at their own pace².
❖ “Informal science learning refers to activities that occur outside the school setting, are not developed primarily for school use, are not developed to be part of an ongoing school curriculum, and are characterised as voluntary as opposed to mandatory participation as part of a credited school experience”³.
❖ At New Orleans City Park we designed multiple outdoor activities for informally teaching about the natural sciences.

Developing Activities

❖ Making links between pedagogy in the classroom and real world experiences.
❖ Activities: Scavenger Hunt, Bat Walk, Blacklight Bug Activity, and Tour of the Forest.
❖ The scavenger hunt was developed to teach participants about the natural history of organisms in Couturie Forest.

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