## Adventures in the Park



## **Treasure Hunt:**

- Gather treasure to use
  - Kids' toys, plastic coins, and office supplies work well and are inexpensive
- Choose an appropriate area in the park for the treasure hunt
- Have children close their eyes while you hide the treasure
  - You can hide each item in different locations or choose one location for all of the treasure, similar to a pot of gold or treasure chest
  - It is a good idea to count your treasure before starting the hunt to make sure you collect all of it prior to leaving the park
  - $\circ~$  Set boundaries for the game and let the hunt begin
    - To make the hunt more challenging, set a time limit and enjoy watching the kids race to find the treasure!
- Have kids take turns hiding and finding the treasure

## **Scavenger Hunt:**

- Give children a list of things to find at the park
  - Provide small bags for children to use to collect the items, create a checklist, or provide a camera for them to take pictures of the items
- Here are a few ideas to customize your scavenger hunt:
  - <u>Color Hunt:</u> Make a list of colors and have children find an object for each color listed
  - <u>Letter Hunt:</u> Find as many objects as you can that begin with each letter of the alphabet
  - <u>Nature Hunt:</u> Make a list of animals, insects, and plants for children to find
    - Use a local guide as a resource to create your list