



# Inside the OLC

September 2023

## COLTS AT THE OLC

This month, the OLC welcomed volunteers from the Indianapolis Colts. To celebrate their 40th season in Indianapolis, the Colts sent out representatives from the organization to perform 40 volunteer projects. We were excited to be one of them!



Volunteers worked along one of the fence lines at the OLC. We removed a lot of material, and the area looks great now. Thanks to the Colts!



### CREATURE FEATURE

This month's creature feature is the Eastern Carpenter Bee, seen here on some Goldenrod at the OLC. This insect is a familiar sight on flowers and around wooden structures. Eastern Carpenter Bees excavate their nests in wood, making tunnels where they store food and lay eggs. Although they look aggressive, males completely lack a stinger. Males can be identified by the white spot on their heads. Do you think this bee is male or female? Click [here](#) to learn more!

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# Other News

We had students from White Oak Early Learning Center come out this month. To go along with their studies of the 5 senses, we did a mystery box activity. Students reached into the box and, using only their sense of touch, tried to guess what the object inside was. It was a blast, and we had some inventive guesses!



Girl Scout Troop 851 from Brownsburg worked very hard to make new sit-upon floor cushions for the OLC. We love using them when students come to the cabin.

The cushions were part of the scouts' Silver Award. The girls did an amazing job, and the cushions are fantastic. Thanks so much!



## **PLANT FEATURE**

This month's featured plant is Common Jewelweed. Also known as touch-me not, this plant produces seed pods which burst open at the slightest touch, flinging seeds out and reseeding itself. Sap from the stem can be used to treat a number of ailments, including poison ivy. Read more [here!](#)