

## Pictures in the Sky

**Parent Notes:** This is a wonderful way to relax and still engage the senses after a long day of hiking and exploring. All you need is a place to lay back and gaze at the sky. Clouds are a must. A blanket and being dressed for the weather make this activity more comfortable. No other supplies needed. The Cloud Appreciation Society (yes, that is a group that I belong to) along with several other groups have apps that can be downloaded to identify cloud types. However, this activity does NOT have to be that formal and can just be fun!

**Considerations:** Dress for the weather! Be sure you can identify plants like poison ivy, that may cause skin irritation if you are laying on the ground. And always check for ticks after every outdoor activity. A blanket, large beach towel or lounge lawn chair at your cabin are perfect for comfort. **Follow all Leave No Trace Principles while completing this activity in a public space; Be considerate of other visitors**

Let's Begin:

The instructions are simple. Let your imagination roam across the sky.

What pictures do you see in the clouds? Can you spot a dog, fish, person, insect, boat, car, etc? Share your findings with others who are cloud picture spotting. Do you see the same things? It is fun to look at clouds through the perspective of others.

### **Extensions:**

- You can practice identifying cloud types by utilizing a field guide or an app if you choose.  
Describe the clouds you see: White, Grey, High in the Sky, Low in the sky, Wispy, Cotton ball like, Layered, Thick, Fast moving, Slow moving, etc.
- Fall can have the most spectacular sunset when clouds are present. Be sure to look up what time sunset is and step outside for a magnificent display.