- (11) Scientists know of over 30,000 kinds of spiders, but they estimate that there may be 50,000 to 100,000 species. (12) Nearly all spiders have some sort of fangs and poison glands. (13) Only six spiders in north America are known to be dangerous. (14) They are the brown recluse, the black widow, the common sac, the brown widow, the red-legged widow, and the varied widow.
- (15) Looking at pictures on the Internet, we determined our spider was a North American banana spider.
- (16) These spiders can spin webs up to two feet across, and they use their webs to catch aphids, flies, grasshoppers, wasps, and bees. (17) The venom of the North American banana spider <u>isn't</u> toxic to humans, so these spiders are not considered dangerous.
- (18) All spiders, however, can and will bite if they feel threatened. (19) Some people have bad reactions to spider bites. (20) It is best not to touch spiders with your hands.
- (21) Dad and I decided to use a large jar and paper to relocate the spider to the woods. (22) Since many



spiders can be helpful to us. (23) I think we should watch them and provide them space to live.