

Week 5 Virtual Camp Sampler

(Ages 13 and up)



**METROPARKS
TOLEDO**

MONDAY

The Art of Nesting: The design of a bird nest can be very complex. Gather some small sticks (6 inch pieces) and some string, twine or yarn (12 inch pieces) and practice using some of these bird approved knots and weaves to try making a nest design fit for a bird family.



Interlocking Loops



Spiral Coil



Simple Weave



Alternately reversed
weaving



Slipknot



Simple Loop

TUESDAY

Passenger Pigeon: The passenger pigeon, now extinct, was once considered the most abundant land bird in North America. Martha, a passenger pigeon kept at the Cincinnati Zoo, was the last of its kind. She passed away on September 1, 1914. Follow the directions on the next page to fold an origami passenger pigeon.

Make a Paper Origami Pigeon!



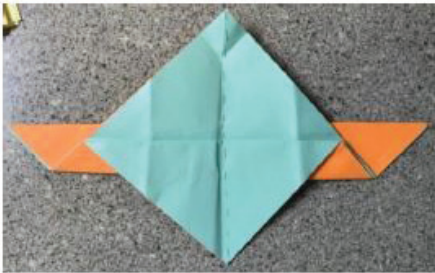
Step 1: Start by getting a square sheet of any color paper.



Step 2: Fold the sheet from one corner to the other, repeating on both sides.



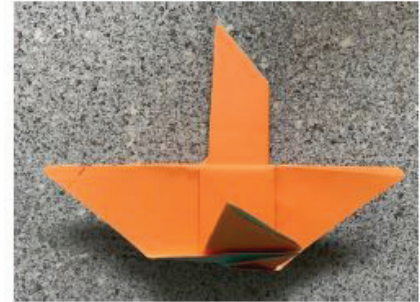
Step 3: Fold the sheet twice so the first crease lines up. This will create a zigzag type pattern.



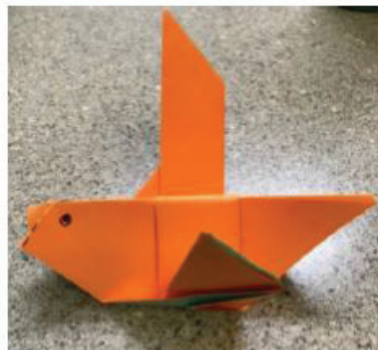
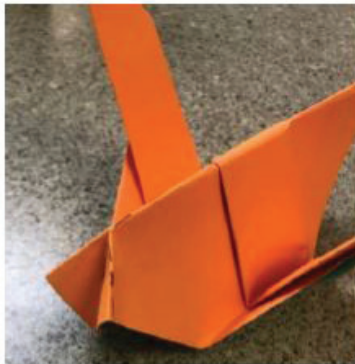
Step 4: Open up the small triangle and fold the paper along the middle so both sides match.



Step 5: Fold each side up along the dotted line so the longer points are sticking up.



Step 6: Take one end and fold it both ways along where the dotted line is (about an inch from the end). This can be done at either side.



WEDNESDAY

Bird Watching Tips: Here are 3 tips if you're just starting out your bird watching hobby.

- Get to know groups of birds (like hawks, shorebirds or woodpeckers) first. How many different kinds of woodpeckers do you know the names of? Recognizing shorebirds can be made easier by keeping in mind that they usually have long legs and necks.
- Print off pictures of common birds of Northwest Ohio and make flashcards. Add to the flashcard the times of day and where these birds are most commonly seen.
- Download an app like Merlin to help you ID birds. Watch this video to learn more about how to use it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsHXOFetLFs>

THURSDAY

Nature Journal: The purpose of bird banding is to better understand the migration routes, lifespans, breeding, and wintering areas for different species. A bird band is a coded metal or plastic band that is placed around the lower portion of a bird's leg.



Aldo Leopold, known as the Father of Wildlife Conservation, wrote an essay in his famous book *A Sand County Almanac* titled 65290. This number refers to a Chickadee that keeps returning to his banding study year after year. Leopold says "To band a bird is to hold a ticket in a great lottery."

What do you think he meant by this? Reflect in your nature journal or the space below.

FRIDAY

Bird Songs and Calls Crossword Puzzle:

See if you can figure out the bird calls of these common birds of Northwest Ohio.

DOWN

- 1. BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
- 2. RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

ACROSS

- 3. RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER
- 4. AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
- 5. NORTHERN CARDINAL
- 6. BLUE JAY

