Did you know? Girl Scouts soar in the outdoors!

Birds are an important part of our ecosystem! Not only are they a part of the food chain, but when the are searching for food they help move seeds around for trees and bushes to grow and they help pollinate flowers!

Birds live all over the world! Penguins in Antarctica. Eagles at Camp Grove Point. And plenty of birds live in your own backyard!

Today we are going birding! First we will make a pair of binoculars, then we will look for birds and see if we can identify them! Follow the steps on the next page to make your own binoculars. Then head outside to check out the birds!

Learning more:
If you want to learn more about birds, and hear different bird sounds, with a guardian, check out a books from your local library or online

- The National Audubon Society’s website www.audubon.org and app “Audubon”
- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s website merlin.allaboutbirds.org/ and app “Merlin Bird ID”.
Make your own Binoculars! Before we go birding, we need binoculars, so go grab your binoculars or make a pair of your own with the instructions below! Send us a picture of you and your binoculars to camp@cbgsc.org or post it online #GSCBathome

What you need:

☐ This packet

☐ Colored pencils or crayons

☐ 2 toilet paper rolls (or 1 paper towel roll cut in half)

☐ Tape

☐ String 22 inches longs (that’s the length of two sheets of paper!)

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First Step: Color your rolls! This is your binoculars, design them for you!

Second Step: Tape the two rolls together, with a long piece of tape at each end.

Third Step: Tape one end of the string to each side of the binoculars

Test Four: Test them out! I found a mallard duck!
Birding

Birding is a fun hobby! Look around you backyard or local park and you will find plenty of birds around. You may need to quiet to see them.

Keep a tally! How many can you find....

...in their nest? ______  ...flying through the air? ______
...with long tails? ______  ...with bright colors? ______

In the space below draw two different birds you've seen today!