

MISSION CONSERVATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

June 2022 - Pollinators

Indoor Activity: Coffee Filter Butterfly Craft

Butterflies play an important part in pollination, going from flower to flower to sip on nectar. You can make your own butterfly at home using a coffee filter and a clothespin! This craft is great for all ages and makes a colorful butterfly to house indoors.

If you want to learn more about pollinators and what kinds of habitats they thrive in, visit Boone and Crockett's [website](#) and learn more about pollination!

Benefits

- Learn more about butterflies
- Easy and fun for all ages
- Learn more about butterfly habitats
- Easy clean-up

Supplies

- Colorful markers
- Coffee filters
- Pipe Cleaners
- Wooden clothespins
- Plastic spray bottle filled with water

What to do

- Smooth the coffee filter over a plate or flat surface
- Color the coffee filter with markers
- Use the spray bottle to spray water onto the coffee filter
- Let the filter dry and then scrunch it in the middle
- Secure the middle with the clothespin
- Cut a small length of pipe cleaner and fold it into a V-shape
- Slide the V-shape into the top of the clothespin
- Repeat to make as many butterflies as you want!



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Outdoor Activity: Planting Pollinator-Friendly Flowers

Did you know that monarch butterflies only lay eggs on milkweed plants? They do this because monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed to prepare to turn into a butterfly. In this fun activity, you can plant some milkweed plants in your yard to attract more butterflies and pollinators!

Once you are done planting and watering, watch the butterflies roll in and start to pollinate. If you want to learn more about what kind of plants pollinators love, visit the Monarch Joint Venture's [website!](#)

[Additional Supplies \(Optional\)](#)

- Gardening Tools
- Gloves
- Local wildflower seeds
- Open space safe from mowing or pesticides
- Make sure the milkweed you plant is a local species.

