

The Painted Lady Migration Game



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Ages: 6-14

Activity Energy: medium

Length of time: 30 minutes

Number of Participants: 1 - 20

Concept: Students work their way through 24 stations representing the migration of a Painted Lady Butterfly. This activity was adapted from a bird migration game developed by Environment for the Americas.

Materials Required: Printed copies of the 24 station cards (see PowerPoint attached to this resource), dice (6), rocks or ground staples for holding the sheets from blowing away.

Introduction: Many different species of animal undergo migrations. These great journeys across varying environments are dangerous, awe-inspiring, and difficult to comprehend. This game is an effort to get the students thinking about the migration of the Painted Lady Butterfly and the challenges they face on their journey.

Methods:

Game set up: You will need a large outdoor space to set up this game. We recommend laying out the stations so that they form a circle, with at least 40-50m between stations. A long forest path is ideal, or a school field.

How to play: The students start by rolling one di to start the game. Then they simply follow the instructions on the station cards. If they don't survive they can try again and again.

Tips for Teachers:

- We have provided the station cards in a PowerPoint format and welcome you to make changes as needed to meet the needs of your group/activity
- If you have younger students who may have trouble reading the station cards pair them with older students
- Try running contests to see who can get through the game first

Background facts and information:

Literature Cited:

The concept for this lesson came from: <http://www.birdday.org/pdf/migrationgame.pdf>