

# **“TAKE FLIGHT INTO 2010” EARLY REGISTRATION!**

## **ACTIVITY IDEAS**



Host an “Early Registration 2010 Party.” Try some of the fun, environmentally-related activities and snacks below, show the girls the Early Bird 2010 trumpeter swan patch, talk about the upcoming year, and have parents attend the last 10 minutes to complete registration forms and pay the \$12 fee.

### **Activity Sheets**

Use this opportunity to learn something new and talk about why the trumpeter swan is such a special bird. Talk about their near-extinction and the measures that are being taken to help preserve them. Where do these birds live? Check out our extra enrichment ideas to carry out further trumpeter swan activities!

### **Play “Cygnet Food Gathering” Game**

Each girl is given a straw and two bowls. The object of the game is for them to simulate a cygnet, or juvenile swan finding their own food. The girls will be given a set amount of time to get their “food” from one bowl to the next by sucking through the straw and picking up one piece of food and placing it in the other bowl. The “food” could be M&M’s, gummy worms, or other edible items to eat as a snack in the end. The girl who has the most pieces of “food” in her bowl is the winner. After the game, another fun snack for the girls to enjoy!

### **Take a Hike and go Bird Watching**

Go for a hike and see what kinds of birds are common in your area. Use a bird-watching guide to help identify the birds.

### **How Big is a Trumpeter Swan?**

See how the girls measure up to the trumpeter swan. Measure their height and wingspan and compare to the trumpeter swan height and wingspan. The trumpeter swan stands about 4 feet tall and has a wingspan about 7 feet wide, and between 30 and 35 pounds. Find something that is comparable in weight.

### **Go on a Swan Scavenger Hunt**

Using information found at [http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/washington/Swan\\_Goose\\_ID%20Web.pdf](http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/washington/Swan_Goose_ID%20Web.pdf) to find the answers to the following trivia about the trumpeter swan. See attached sheet for the scavenger hunt questions.