Pinecone Birdseed Craft

**Items you will need:**

- **Pinecones** If you don’t have any in your yard, go on a nature walk to collect some. Remember, NEVER remove them from trees and do not collect anything from a park. There are LOTS of pine trees near the Gates Public Library (at the end of the Total Sports Experience parking lot) if you need a place to gather some. Remember to practice social distancing and wear a mask! *If your pinecones are closed up tight, set them in a sunny window for a day or two until they open.*

- **String**
- **Old Newspapers**
- **Plastic knife (or something to spread the peanut butter)**
- **Peanut Butter** *(you’ll use about 1/4 cup per pinecone, depending on the size)*
- **Bird Seed placed in a shallow dish**††

**Do NOT** do this craft if you are allergic to peanuts or peanut butter

†† If you do not have birdseed you can use crushed cereal, or dried bread crumbs, or raisins, or popcorn…..anything that birds might eat. (Remember, no sugary cereals or chocolate cereals, and **NO UNCOOKED RICE**)

**Step 1**: Spread out your old newspaper to cover your work surface

**Step 2**: Tie a string to the top end of the pinecone. Leave enough string so that you can hang it outside when you are done.

**Step 3**: Using the plastic knife, spread peanut butter all over the pinecone.

**Step 4**: Roll the pinecone that is covered in peanut butter in the birdseed. Press the seed in to make sure the peanut butter is covered.

**Step 5**: Take your finished project outside and hang it on a tree or bush for the birds to enjoy. Of course, if a squirrel discovers it, it might just “disappear”.

![Pinecone Birdseed Craft](image)