Turkey Call Activity (adapted from Project BEAK: Calling All Turkeys)

1. Give each student one small plastic cup with 2 pin holes in bottom

2. Next have students pass the thread through the pin holes so that the thread is hanging down the inside of the over turned cup.

3. Have students tie the two dangling threads together as close as they can to the bottom of the over turned cup.

4. Instruct students to wet the thread (licking fingers and running it along the thread OR dip in small container of water).

5. To make the call, have students grasp the thread between their thumb and forefinger and pull in a jerking motion. *Caution students not to pull too hard or the thread may break*

Practice making different sounding calls!

Conduct a classroom experiment to determine which cup makes the best call. To compare sounds to actual turkey calls, visit the National Wild Turkey Federation: Sounds of the Wild Turkey website at

www.nwtf.org/all_about_turkeys/ sounds_of_turkeys. html







