Fish or Human?
Can you spot any fish in the water? Fish and humans have some body features in common, and some that are different. Draw each of the following features on the human, the fish, or both.

- Feet
- Fins
- Eyes
- Hands
- Nose
- Scales
- Hair
- Gills
- Teeth

Masters of Disguise
"Camouflage" is when something has a similar color or pattern to its surroundings. Camouflage helps prey animals to hide from danger, and helps predators sneak up on prey. The pictures below show a male and female mallard duck. Circle the one with better camouflage.

Bonus: How would you camouflage yourself in a pond environment?

What a View!
Find a comfortable spot to sit with a nice view. Complete the sentences below.

I see ______________________________
I hear ______________________________
I smell ______________________________
I feel _______________________________
Insect Interview

Find and watch an insect for a few minutes.

What insect is it? (You can make up a name if you don't know!) _________________________________________________

Imagine you are that insect and answer the questions below.

What do you use for shelter? ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

What do you eat? ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

What creatures might eat you? ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

What do you do during winter? ___________________ ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

Touch a Pond

Find a safe spot to put your fingers or hand into the water. Now think of a mountain stream.

How would you describe the temperature? Would the temperature feel different? Why? Write here!

Write here!

YOUR CASE: PELLA CROSSING

Pella Crossing has six man-made ponds that provide important habitat for animals such as box turtles, owls, ducks, skunks, coyotes, and fish such as bluegill and smallmouth bass. Though the ponds were damaged during the 2013 flood, plants and animals continued to make Pella Crossing their home.