



Activity B.4
Homing Pigeons I

Game Objectives: Working together as a team, players help all pigeons fly home to roost at their own nests as quickly as possible. Points can be awarded based on how many pigeons are in their own nests before nightfall.

Recommended Number of Players: 1 - 4

Ages: 6 - 7



Setup:

- 1) Place staircases in order counter-clockwise 1x → 12x.
- 2) Match the color of each foam card to the corresponding staircase. Note: the forest green foam card goes with the green staircase.
- 3) Place sequential numbers on each staircase 3x → 12x (1, 2, 3 to n, where n equals the number of steps on that staircase).
- 4) Put all of the tokens in the Treasure Trove and mix them up. These are now pigeons. The number on the pigeon represents its age.

Play:

- 1) All players select a pigeon from the Treasure Trove and place it number side up in any nest (notch) on the tree (staircase) that matches the color of the pigeon.
- 2) Continue until the Treasure Trove is empty and all pigeons are on the correct staircase.
- 3) Now all players select a tree (staircase) and re-arrange the pigeons so the youngest is in the nest on the branch closest to the ground and the oldest pigeon is in the nest in the highest branch. Only then can all pigeons settle down to sleep.
- 4) When any player has completed sequencing the pigeons in a tree allow him/her to select another tree where pigeons are not yet roosting in their own nests.
- 5) Count the number of pigeons in the correct place (56 possible). If it takes less than 15 minutes to get all pigeons in their nests, you are pigeon wranglers extraordinaire!