

Babysit a Pinecone for the Weekend

Happy Friday! You've almost reached the weekend. It's time to take a deep breath and relax because the long week is finally over. Sleep in, stay up late, go for a midnight walk. Enjoy all that nature has to offer this fall because it's not going to last long and the cold New Hampshire winters are just around the corner. Autumn is probably New Hampshire's prettiest season. The millions of trees that cover our vast landscape are all performing their swan song. They will soon leave our green earth painted with the soft colors and elegant shapes of fallen leaves, which serve as a eulogy to all who witness them.

As majestic as the autumn leaves truly are, they only serve as a herald for the trees' final tribute. Nature's greatest gift can only be described as her most vulnerable yet beautiful. The pinecone's warm color and flower-like shape are like open arms, extending welcome to all who pass by. Its presence is subtle but comforting. Sadly, the pinecone is often overlooked and trampled upon as people go about their daily lives. It is nature's dying wish, yet it is left to die. This is why the Pinecone Protective Organization (PPO) is proud to announce "Babysit a Pinecone Weekend!"

This evening, the PPO invites all UNH students to welcome an orphaned pinecone into their homes and care for it over the course of the weekend. This



experience is good for both new parents contemplating the adoption of a pinecone and regular students looking for a new way to enjoy nature this weekend. There are pinecones fit for all types of people, varying in size, age, and species. Request a survey from the PPO to be automatically matched with a pinecone compatible with your personality. Alternatively, you can browse all the pinecones we currently shelter and find one that touches your heart.

Don't wait! Reach out to the PPO and schedule a dropoff time for your pinecone tonight.

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