

## **Water Games**

### **Catch the sponge**

Equipment: Sponges and plenty of water.

Method: Joey Scouts throw and catch sponges with a partner.

### **Pass the sponge**

Equipment: Sponges filled with water.

Method: Joey Scouts stand in a line and pass sponges over their heads to the next person.

The Joey Scout at the front reloads the sponge with water and goes to the end of the line with the sponge to repeat.

### **Circle squirt**

Equipment: Clean detergent bottle which has been refilled with water.

Method: Joey Scouts are seated in a circle. One Joey Scout has the plastic bottle and skips around the circle dropping the bottle behind another Joey

Scout. That Joey Scout picks up the bottle and attempts to squirt the original Joey Scout with water before he returns to his spot.

### **Water hockey**

Equipment: Cup of water.

Method: Joey Scouts are in lines facing each other and numbered off from opposite ends.

The cup of water is placed in the centre. The Leader calls out a number and those two Joey Scouts run out. The first Joey Scout to pick up the cup of water from the centre throws it onto the other Joey Scout. Refill and repeat.

### **Water transfer relay**

Equipment: 2 buckets and a mug per team.

Method: Teams stand in relay formation with a full bucket of water in front of them and an empty one at the end. Joey Scouts take it in turns to transfer the water from one bucket to the other

### **Blind Man's Bacon**

Equipment: 2 x blindfolds, 2 x water pistols.

Method: This is a variation of the 'Steal The Bacon' game which plays best in a circle shape with each team forming half a circle. The two teams are of equal size so that there is a player on each team with the same number. When a number is called, the corresponding player for each team puts on a blindfold. After hearing the signal, the two blindfolded players move toward the centre where a squirt gun is located. The object is to reach the squirt gun and squirt the other guy before he came make it back behind the protection of his team. Teams are allowed to shout instructions to the blindfolded players.

### **Dampeners**

Equipment: 2 x wet sponges or rags

Method: Two Joeys sit about 2 feet apart on chairs in the centre of the den. They are blindfolded, face each other and each hold a wet sponge. The rest of the Mob must creep up, as directed by a Leader and pass between the seated Joeys. The seated Joeys can say 'freeze' at any time (within reason) and dab down with the sponge between the chairs. If hit places are changed. This can also be played outdoors on a fine day, using larger quantities of

water, or water pistols.

### **Sponge Toss Contest**

Equipment: Large car sponges, large containers of water, receiving buckets, warm weather

Method: Divide up into teams. You can have as many teams as you have equipment. Each team forms a line with teammates a little more than an arm's length away from each other. At one end of the line is a large container of water with large sponges in it. The other end has a small bucket, which you could mark with a fill line where you want the finish point to be or just fill to the top. When signalled to start, teams are to race. The person at the large container is to throw a sponge to next teammate and that person to the next until it reaches the end of the line. The last person is to squeeze the sponge out and then run to the start of the line, dip the sponge in the large container and pass to next person. If sponge is dropped while being passed, it is to be thrown back to the start of the line and you are to continue again. After full rotation of line, meaning everyone has taken sponge out of large container and passed, the team with the most collected water is the winner.

### **Water Bomb Tag**

Equipment: water bombs or sponge and bucket of water

Method: The person who is "it" throws the wet water bomb to tag other players. If hit, they are the new "thrower". This can also be played with many variations of the game such as Frozen Tag, etc.

### **Water Toss**

Equipment: Zip lock bags and buckets of water

Method: Open zip lock bags into buckets of clean water, then seal. Use these to toss back and forth instead of balloons. If they fall and open up, refill in containers again. This is a lot easier and quicker than balloons. Any one that has latex allergies can participate.

### **Senses Game**

Equipment: blindfolds and water pistols – 1 per team.

Method: Divide the Joey Scouts into teams. Line up in relay formation. A Joey Scout from each team sits 10 paces in front of team (not own team). These Joey Scouts are the snipers, and are blindfolded and armed with a loaded water pistol. On "go" the first Joey Scout from each team begins to crawl silently forward endeavoring to reach a safety line (a line drawn 3 paces behind the sniper). If snipers hear a sound they shoot. If they shoot wildly and too often they will exhaust their water supply before all the *enemy* has had a turn to crawl past. There should be no refills during the game. When the first Joey Scout is hit (they retire behind the safety line) or they have reached safety, then the next Joey Scout starts and so on. The team that wins is the one with the fewest wet Joey Scouts.

Note – place the teams well apart.

### **What's the Time Mr. Cloud?**

Equipment: water pistol filled with water

Method: Played as what's the time Mr. Wolf, except instead of saying 1 o'clock you say summer time or winter time and so on and every so often say rain time. When rain time is called Mr. Cloud tries to wet the other Joey Scouts.

### **Sponge Relay**

Equipment: 4 x buckets, 2 x sponges

Method: Have the Joey Scouts in relay formation. Give each team a bucket with water in it, a big sponge and place another bucket at some distance away. In turn each Joey Scout must dip the sponge in the first bucket then run to the second bucket and squeeze the water out of the sponge into it then run back and give the sponge to the next Joey Scout. Continue until all Joey Scouts have had a turn. The winning team is the one with the most water in the second bucket.

### **Pass the Sponge**

Equipment: sponges filled with water

Method: Divide the Joey Scouts into 2 teams. Joey Scouts stand in a line and pass sponges over their heads to the next person. The Joey Scout at the front reloads the sponge with water and goes to the end of the line with the sponge to repeat.

### **Circle Squirt**

Equipment: water bottle filled with water

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### **Target Practice**

Equipment: water bombs, plastic bottles place on a table

Method: Joey Scouts take turns to throw water bombs at the bottles to knock them over.

### **Drip-Drip-Splash**

Equipment: cup of water

Method: Great for a hot day. Played the same as Duck-duck-goose, but instead of touching the heads of those not picked they have a little bit of water from a cup dropped on their head. The person picked gets the rest of the cup poured on their head

### **What Time is it Blue Whale**

Equipment: hose

Method: Basically the same as what time is it Mr. Wolf, but with a hose. The person who is "IT" has the hose, with the help of a counselor. The Joey Scouts say what time is it blue whale until they reach the IT person. Then the IT person says "spray time!" Whoever they soak is now it.

NOTE - the IT person must spray below the waist because water in the face hurts.

### **Water Cup Derby**

Equipment: buckets, plastic cups

Method: Form 2 or more teams. As in any relay race, have a starting line and a finishing line. Each team member must fill the cup with water from the communal water bucket, put it over their head and run to the bucket and pour it in. The winning team is the one with the most water in their bucket.

### **Raindrop Relay**

Equipment: 2 buckets per team (1 filled with water), 1 plastic zip lock bag per team

Method: Put a bunch of pin holes in the plastic zip lock bag. The teams line up sitting down, one in front of the other, so that they are facing the back of the person in front of them. The bucket that is full of water goes behind the last person; the empty bucket goes in front of the first person. When the race starts, the first person takes the baggie to the back bucket, fills it with water and then tries to get the water to the front bucket, but it has to be carried over the head of his/her team. He/she dumps the water that is left into the front bucket. The line shifts up and the first person sits in the back. The winner is whatever group has the most water in their bucket after the pre-determined amount of time. Make sure that groups are not cheating by covering the holes – it might be best to say that they are only allowed to use one hand when passing the plastic bag!