Backyard Games

Category

Instructions

Type

Time to allocate (mins)

Game

Wide game

25

Set up various games around the Hall and the Cubs can rotate through the bases:

Sock Softball: The rules of softball apply. Use only home plate and two bases set up in a triangular formation. The ball is a rolled-up sock, and the bat is the participant's arm. An out is made by tossing the ball at the runner or by a fielder tagging the runner. Because play will last just a few minutes, allow only two pitches per batter.

Obstacle Course: Lay out an obstacle course to include moving a lightweight plastic ball with holes from one point to another using a fly swatter; crawling through a big box (such as an appliance box); picking up a hula hoop and spinning it around a set number of times; jumping rope a set number of turns; or using a squirt gun to hit a target.

Flying Disc Golf: Each participant is provided with a flying disc. Mark several targets around the playing area (e.g., the base of a tree, the slide or a swing on the playground, a designated picnic table). The score is determined by how many throws it takes the participant to hit the target with the disc.

Blind Puzzles: Cut puzzle pieces out of thin wood and have blindfolded participants try to put the puzzles together.

Hoopla: Set up a ring toss game, using hula hoops as the rings and orange safety cones as the targets.

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