

## Games



Play large group games.  
(25 minutes)

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Small item to serve as “bacon” (beanbag, ball, etc.)
- Blanket (or similar, i.e., carpet circle)
- (Optional) Masking or painter’s tape

### LARGE GROUP GAME: STEAL THE BACON

Materials: Small item to serve as “bacon” (beanbag, ball, etc.)

Object of game: Grab the “bacon” and return to team line without being tagged

How to play: Split the players into two equal teams. Each player on a team gets a number. The same number should be assigned to one player on the opposite team. For example, if there are 5 players on each team, each player will have a number from 1 to 5.

Mark a center line and place the “bacon” on it. Then, mark two parallel lines at an equal distance from the center line, where each team will line up.

The game begins with both teams lined up on their respective lines, facing each other, with the “bacon” in the center. The game leader calls out a number. The players with that number from each team must run to the center to try to grab the “bacon”. The player who grabs the “bacon” must try to run back to their team’s line without being tagged by the opponent.

The other player tries to tag the player who grabbed the “bacon” before they make it back to their team’s line. If the player successfully grabs the “bacon” and returns to their team’s line without being tagged, their team scores a point.

If the player is tagged before reaching their team’s line, the point goes to the other team.

Return the “bacon” to the center, and the game leader will call out a new number. Continue until all numbers have been called multiple times, or until a predetermined score or time limit is reached.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

Materials: Blanket (or similar, i.e., carpet circle)

Object of game: Flip the blanket upside down without touching the floor.

How to play: All players begin by standing on one side of the blanket. Players must flip the blanket upside down without any player touching the floor. If any player touches the floor, players must start over.

Depending on the size of your group, consider splitting into several groups and seeing who can finish first to win.

### LARGE GROUP GAME: LINE TAG

**Materials:** Lines marked on the ground, such as lines on a gym floor, or lines marked with masking or painters tape.

**How to play:** All players start on the lines. The player who is “it” begins the game by trying to tag other players. All players, including the player who is “it”, must stay on the lines at all times. They cannot step off the lines, or they will be out or automatically become “it”, depending on the variation you’re playing.

Players can move in any direction along the lines but must always keep at least one foot on the line. The person who is “it” tries to tag other players by touching them.

If a player is tagged, they become “it”, and the previous “it” player joins the regular players.

The game continues until a predetermined time or until players decide to switch roles. There isn’t a specific “winner” in this game; the focus is more on fun and movement.

**Variations:**

- **Safety Zones:** Designate certain areas as safe zones where players can rest but can only stay for a limited time.
- **Multiple People Who Are “its”:** Start with more than one person being “it” to increase the difficulty.
- **Reverse Line Tag:** Players can leave the lines to avoid being tagged, but the person who is “it” must stay on the lines.