

Games



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Dodgeball
- Beanbag or soft, squishy ball
- Chairs
- 2 rolls (one yellow and one black) of crepe paper streamers per small group
- 1 roll of transparent tape per small group

LARGE GROUP GAME: SPUD

Materials: Dodgeball

Object of game: Avoid collecting all the letters to spell "SPUD"

How to play: First, give all the players a number. Then have them gather in a circle with one student in the middle. Give the middle student the ball, and instruct them to throw the ball straight up and yell any number that goes with the students in play. The student whose number was called must run to the ball, and all the other students must run away from the ball in any direction. When the player whose number was called has the ball, they yell "SPUD!," signaling all the other players to freeze. The player with the ball can then take three steps in any direction and throw the ball at one of the other players.

All the other players must keep their feet still, but can move any part of their body to try to avoid the ball. If the throwing player misses, he/she receives a letter to spell the word "spud"; if the throwing player hits another player, that hit player receives a letter. Play then repeats with the player that received a letter standing in the middle of the circle and throwing the ball up.

LARGE GROUP GAME: DROP THE BEANBAG

Materials: Beanbag (or soft, squishy ball), chairs

Object of game: Don't be left without a chair

How to play: Choose one person to be the beanbag holder. Form a circle of chairs around this person, with all the other players occupying a chair. There should be one chair for each person except for the beanbag holder. The beanbag holder will walk around the middle of the circle and will grab the wrist of someone of the opposite sex who is seated. This person will link hands/wrists with the beanbag holder and will then select the next person from the circle to join their line in the middle. A chain (line) of players will eventually be snaking around in the middle of the circle until the beanbag holder drops the beanbag. As soon as the beanbag is dropped, all the players in the middle must compete for any open seat. Whoever is left without a seat becomes the beanbag holder for the next round.

LARGE GROUP GAME: WRAP THE BUMBLE BEE

Materials: Two rolls (one yellow and one black) of crepe paper streamers and one roll of transparent tape per small group

Object of game: Make the best-looking bumble bee

How to play: Each team will select one player to be the “bumble bee”. On the “go” signal, the other teammates will use the streamers and tape to decorate their “bee”.

At the end of the time specified by the game leader (less than 5 minutes is probably best), the leaders will choose the best-looking bumble bee and award points to that team.