

Camp Counseling is In Tents

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Games:

This is My Name, and This is My Dance

No Materials Needed

The group stands in a circle. One person starts by saying: "My name is Jane, and This is My Dance." During "This is my dance," Jane will do a motion. The group then responds to Jane: "Her name is Jane, and this is her dance." The group mimics the motion Jane did. Do this for every person in the circle. For a variation, we can have the group build on each participant, repeating each person that went BEFORE the go-er.

Animals

Materials Needed: Small Pieces of Paper for Each person

Every group member is given a small piece of paper with the name of an animal. They do not look at the animal name until the facilitator begins the game. The object of the game is to arrange all the animals in order of size in one straight line. But, no one can talk. They can only make animal noises and act like their animal. Animal Examples: Blue Whale, T Rex, bumblebee, Tasmanian devil

Big Question

Materials Needed: Notecards with Questions

Every group member is given a notecard with a get-to-know-you question. Two people partner up and ask each other their questions. Then, they switch cards, hold their card up in the air, and look for a new partner.

Speed Dating

Speed dating: No materials needed

If you want a straight forward talking game without any bells and whistles added, then this is the get to know you group game for you. Pair the kids up, give them some questions or discussion topics to talk about, give them a minute and then rotate. Easiest way is to have the group stand in two circles, one inside the other and the inner circle facing the outer circle. Simple and effective!

Olympic Rock, Paper, Scissors

No Materials Needed

Everyone begins in game on one side of your open space. They are in the bronze area. They play rock paper scissors against anyone. If they win, they move up to the silver area, where they play someone else. If they win again, they move up to the gold area, where they continue to play. If they lose at any time, they move down to the lower level. You end the game with a dramatic count down.

Coin Game

No Materials Needed

Materials needed: 1 spoon, one coin, chairs for each player

The group is divided into two teams. The two teams sit back to back on chairs, with one chair at the end facing the two teams with a spoon on it. The leader is the designated coin flipper. The goal of the game is to get your team rotated through the chairs until they are all back to their original chairs. Each team sits holding hands. Everyone on the team closes their eyes except for the player in the chair closest to the leader. The leader flips the coin and when a HEADS is flipped, they team members send a hand squeeze down the line. When the last player feels the squeeze they may grab the spoon. The team that grabs the spoon first moves one chair ahead. If a team does a false start, grabs the spoon early, etc they rotate backwards one spot!

Dots

Materials Needed: colored dot cards. one for each person

Choose colored dot cards to give to each of your participants. Be sure to have a wide variety of solid dot cards and mixed dot cards (dots that are half one color and half another color) and 1 unique solid dot color card. Try to have one group that is much larger than the other groups. For example, if you had 30 participants in your group, you could choose 10 yellow dots (majority dot group), 8 blue dots, 5 green dots, 3 dots that are half green and half blue, 2 dots that are half yellow and half blue, 1 dot that is half green and half yellow, and 1 red dot (unique dot card). Invite your participants to make a single file line or circle and close their eyes. Tell them that you will go around and hand them a card that they are to place on their forehead. They must not talk for the rest of the game and must keep their eyes closed even after they have received their cards. As you are passing out the dot cards, make sure you choose the participant that receives the unique color dot sensitively. After everyone has a dot card, they may open their eyes. Now tell them you are going to be intentionally vague with the directions, as it is a part of the activity. Instruct them to, "Get into your groups without talking." Make sure you do not tell them to organize themselves according to their dots. Just tell them to get into groups. The participants may group themselves however they choose, although they inevitably will do so by the color of their dot cards. They also must not talk during this process. Make sure that you are paying attention to the group dynamics; participants will sometimes push other participants out of the groups. Leaders and followers will arise, and the 'Majority dot' group will also lend some interesting dynamics. When it seems that almost everyone has found a group and the person with the unique dot has some idea that s/he is alone, stop the activity. Participants should look

around and then take off their dots to see what color dot card they have.

4 on A Couch

Materials needed: paper, pen, brown paper bag/hat

1. Split everyone into two equal teams and ask them to sit in a circle. Add one empty seat in the circle. When starting, each participant needs to sit next to his/her opponent on both sides (alternating team members), including the four people on the "couch". Hand out the pieces of paper and pens (one per person). Ask everyone to write their names on their piece of paper and to put their pieces of paper in the bag.
2. After this, pass around the bag and ask everyone to draw one piece of paper with someone else's name on it. Each person should read their own piece of paper without letting anyone else know what his or her paper says.
3. Explain that the goal of the game is to get four of their teammates on the couch. The person on the right of empty chair/spot calls the name of a game participant. The person whose piece of paper has the called name sits in the empty chair. Whoever sits on the right of the new empty chair calls out another name.
4. Start by asking the person to the right of the empty chair to call a name. The person with the piece of paper with the written name sits in the empty chair. Continue this pattern. The first team to have four of their members on the couch wins the game.

Songs:

Bubblegum

My mom gave me a penny
She said go eat at Denny's
But I didn't eat at Denny's

Instead, I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a nickel
She said go buy a pickle
But I didn't buy no pickle

Instead, I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a dime
She said go buy a lime
But I didn't buy no lime

Instead, I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a quarter
She said go buy some water
But I didn't buy no water

Instead, I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a dollar
She said go pop your collar
But I didn't pop my collar

Instead, I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a five
She said go stay alive
But I didn't stay alive

Instead, I choked on bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

My mom gave me a ten
She said go live again,
And so I lived again,

And then I bought some bubblegum.
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum
Bazooka-zooka bubblegum

Pizza Man Song:

This is a repeat after me song

Hey hey bo-diddly-bob
I gotta get back to my job
With a pizza in my hand
I'm gonna be a pizza man [hold a pizza over your shoulder, flat palm]

Pizza man
I'm gonna be a pizza man

Hey hey bo-diddly-bob
I gotta get back to my job
With my car keys in my hand
I'm gonna drive a chevy van [one hand on the steering wheel]

Chevy van
Pizza man
I'm gonna be a pizza man

Hey hey bo-diddly-bob
I gotta get back to my job
With a basketball in my hand
I'm gonna be like Michael Jor-dan [take a basketball shot]

Michael Jor-dan
Chevy van
Pizza man
I'm gonna be a pizza man

Hey hey bo-diddly-bob
I gotta get back to my job
With nun-chucks in my hand
I'm gonna be like Jackie Chan [sweep the air in front of you, karate stlye]

Jackie chan
Michael Jor-dan
Chevy van
Pizza man
I'm gonna be a pizza man

Rise and Shine

The lord said to Noah: there's gonna be a floody, floody
Lord said to Noah: there's gonna be a floody, floody
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy
Children of the Lord

Chorus:
So what?
So: Rise and shine
And give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine
And give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine
And give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord

So Noah he built him an arky, arky, arky
Noah he built him an arky, arky
Built it out of birchy barky barky,
Children of the Lord

Chorus

The animals, they came in by twosies, twosies, twosies
Animals, they came in by twosies, twosies, twosies
Elephants, and kangaroosies, roosies
Children of the Lord

Chorus

It rained and poured for forty daysie, daysies
Rained and poured for forty daysie, daysies
Almost drove those animals crazy, crazies,
Children of the Lord

Chorus

The sun, came out and dried up the landy landy
The sun, came out and dried up the landy landy
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy
Children of the Lord

Chorus

The animals they came off by three-sies three-sies
Animals they came off by three-sies three-sies
Must have been those birds and beezies- beezies
Children of the Lord

Chorus

This is the end of my story, story
This is the end of my story, story
Everything is hunky dory, dory
Children of the Lord

Chorus

Sons of the Sea

(Add on verses to the end one at a time)

Sons of the seas, -- bobbing up and down like this.

Sailing the ocean, bobbing up and down like this.

You can sail a ship my lads, bobbing up and down like this.

But you can't beat the boys in the bulldog band, bobbing up and down like this.

1. Bobbing up and down like this...
2. Pulling up your pants...
3. Swabbing the deck...
4. Climbing the ladder...
5. Hoisting the flag...

Reese's peanut butter cup song:

This is a repeat after me song

Reeses peanut butter cup

We sing this song to pump us up

Wham, bam, choo choo train

Come on _____ do your thang

Camper 1: I can't

Group: Why not?

Camper 1: I just can't

Group: Why not?

Camper 1: my backs to sore (holds back), the suns to bright (sheilds eyes), and my booty it shakes from the left to the right (shakes booty)

Group: from the left, to the right, left right, left right, left right, left right.

Little Sally walker:

The whole group stands in a large circle with one person in the middle, as the person in the middle starts walking around the group sings:

"Little Sally Walker walking down the street, she didn't know what to do so she stood in front of me (the person in the middle stops in front of one person in the circle) and said hey girl do your thang, do your thang, do your thang, her girl do your thang now do your thing and stop"

The person they danced in front of now joins them in the middle and this continues until the whole group is dancing.

Activities:

Spirit Beads: Can be made out of any type of bead. Each person starts with a specific number of beads. Every one of their beads looks the same (same color, decorated the same way). Throughout the session, anyone can give away one of their spirit beads to someone else when they want to reward them for doing something awesome. Eventually, all the beads get mixed up and everyone has everyone else's beads.

