

# Free Games and Activities

Northeast Illinois Council, Boy Scouts of America

Thank you for your interest in Scouting. We hope you enjoy doing these Scouting games and activities with your own children. You can find a Scout unit right in your neighborhood at [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org).

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## MONSTER MESSY FACE

Cascade Pacific Council

*Use this variation of Pin the Tail on the Donkey. There is no winner. The object of the game is to see how messy you can make the monster's face. Makes a great gathering game—kids can join in as they arrive.*

### Materials:

- Poster board
- Pictures of food
- Tape
- Blindfold

### Steps:

- drawing a large monster face on a poster board.
- Give your monster a large mouth opening.
- Give each kid a different kind of food cut out with piece of tape on the back to feed to the monster.
- Blindfold each kid, spin him around and watch where the food ends up - in the hair, on the ear, on the chin.

## PERSEVERANCE- A DROP AT A TIME

Alice, Golden Empire Council

*It is almost impossible. The trick takes time and patience. You really have to persevere!*

### Materials:

- Bucket half-full of water
- A quarter
- Pennies

### Steps:

- Provide a bucket half full of water with a quarter in the bottom.
- Give each person a penny to drop in, to try to land entirely on top of the large coin.

## **BUFFALO STALKING GAME**

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

- All kids form a circle.
- Two kids are chosen to be the Buffalo and the Stalker.
- These two kids go outside of the circle, where they are blindfolded.
- They are taken to different sides of the circle.
- Those left in the circle are taught two sounds: a clicking sound and a howling wind sound.
- The Stalker tries to catch the Buffalo, being careful not to make too much noise.
- The people in the circle can help the Stalker by giving the clicking sound when he is far away from the Buffalo and the howling wind sound when he is close.

## **ALUMINUM FOIL SCULPTURES**

### Materials:

- Plenty of aluminum foil
- clear tape
- wire
- long straight pins
- acrylic paint and brushes or permanent markers
- scraps of fabric paper yarn glue etc.

### Steps:

- Crumple aluminum foil to form shapes of objects or creatures or shape the foil around a wire frame.
- Fasten clumps together with pins wire or tape.
- Use paint or markers to add color.
- Glue on scraps of fabric paper etc to add details.

## **FAMILY MOBILE**

### Materials:

- Spray paint
- Pan
- Clay
- Objects

### Steps:

- Spray-paint a small tree branch ahead of time.
- Place the base in a small pan of clay
- Mold the clay up to hold the branch upright
- Add objects to the branch that represent the family members of the present and the past – include their countries of origin what they did for work different places they may have lived etc.

## TALKING STICK

### Materials:

- Stick or dowel rod approximately ½ by 24 in.
- Yarn
- Small scrap of fur or felt
- Jingle bells
- Leather or suede cord
- Pony beads
- Feathers
- Shells
- Craft glue
- Scissors

### Steps:

- Cut a piece of fur 1 by 2 in. Wrap it around the end of the stick and glue it.
- Spread a little glue at the end of the dowel or stick near the fur.
- Wrap yarn tightly around the stick adding more glue as needed. Cover about 5 in. of the stick changing the color if desired.
- Tie suede lace near the bottom of the yarn wrap. Thread the lace through bells beads feathers and shells – however boys want to decorate it – and knot again.

### ***Talking Stick Legend***

*Whoever holds the talking stick has within his hands the sacred power of words. Only he can speak while he holds the stick; the others must remain silent. Feathers tied to the talking stick give him the courage and wisdom to speak truthfully and wisely. Rabbit fur on the end of the stick reminds him that his words must come from his heart and that they must be soft and warm. The speaker should not forget that he carries within him a sacred spark of the Great Spirit and therefore he is also sacred.*

*If he feels he cannot honor the talking stick with his words he should refrain from speaking so he will not dishonor himself. When he is again in control of his words the stick will be returned to him.*

### ***Discussing the Talking Stick***

*We just made a talking stick and learned how it is used.*

- *What is a word that you might know that means taking turns or allowing someone to have your attention when he or she is talking? Do we all know what means?*
- *How does the use the talking stick show respect?*

*Thank you all for your respect for each other --it makes this a really great (Den, friendship, group, team, family)*

## **MAKE YOUR OWN FIRST AID KIT**

### Materials:

For open wounds, cuts, skinned knees, and scratches

- 1 box 12 adhesive compresses
- 3 sizes sterile bandages
- 3 sterile gauze squares
- A small bottle antiseptic

For blisters

- Adhesive compresses or gauze squares
- Narrow adhesive

For sprains

- 1 triangular bandage
- Small scissors

For burns, sunburn

- Tube burn ointment - 5%

For splinters

- Small tweezers
- Needle
- Matches to sterilize

For fainting

- Small bottle aromatic spirits of ammonia

For bites or stings

- Small box bicarbonate of soda

For toothache

- Small bottle oil of cloves

For plant poisoning

- Small bar yellow soap

Ideas for containers to use:

- A cigar box, a tin cracker or candy box - paint and decorate. Put a list of what-to-do inside the lid.
- Make a cloth case with a strap.
- A cloth kit with pockets. Fold over the top, roll up, and tie.