

4th of July Games



Ring Toss Game

Any number of contestants can play this game, and all they need is the tossing skills of a Frisbee player and the good aim of a seasoned horseshoe pitcher.

Need:

- 9 Dowels for Scoring Poles (Decorate them by wrapping them in red, white and blue crepe-paper streamers.)
- 12 or more Rings (You'll need 3 per team) – You purchase the colored (red and blue) sturdy paper plates or spray paint plain ones and cut out a large circle from the center of each plate. Then place 2 of the plates face-to-face and tape together all the way around the rims. Repeat for the remaining rings.

Instructions:

1. After decorating the dowels, set them in the ground in 3 rows, each composed of 3 dowels and spaced 2 feet apart.
2. Split the contestants up in two teams.
3. The members from both teams have three attempts each to toss a ring around one of the poles.
4. The ring that lands around a pole in the nearest row is worth 10 points; a ringer in the middle row earns 20 points; and a ringer in the far row earns 30 points. The team that accumulates the most points wins.

Patriotic Balloon Toss

Finding games to play outside is a very popular pastime on the 4th of July. Playing a water balloon game where you just might get wet is an even better way to cool off from the heat outside.

Need:

- Red, White and Blue Water Balloons (make sure you have plenty for the size of your group)

Instructions:

1. Begin by filling up red, white and blue water balloons.
2. Create two parallel lines of equal numbers of party guests an equal distance apart.
3. Start relatively close together and have one line of people throw their balloon to their partner across from them in the other line. If the balloon is caught successfully, have both team members take one step backward and throw the balloon again.
4. Continue to back up until all but one team has dropped (or popped) their water balloon.

Find the Flag

This game is a lot of fun and will help celebrate your 4th of July holiday. Ask one player to leave the room. Then hide an American flag so that everyone but the absent player knows where it is. Bring back the player that left the room and explain to him or her that while he or she is hunting for the flag, the crowd will sing Yankee Doodle, softly when he or she is away from the flag and louder when he or she is close to it. Your group can sing another song if they wish.

Patriotic Tokens Tag Game

This game is a fun to play outside for children of all ages or adults.

Need:

- Red, White and Blue Tokens (If you can't find these tokens just make something with these colors)

Instructions:

1. Each child or adult is given one token that is ether red, white or blue.
2. Each game participant will then run around trying to tag each other.
3. If you are tagged then you must give the person who tagged you your token.
4. The first person who tags enough people to get one red, one white and one blue taken wins the game.

Patriotic Guessing Game

These games are always a popular way to entertain your guest on any occasion.

Need:

- Peppermint Candy (Red and White Striped)
- Large Jar
- Blue and Red Ribbon (Enough to decorate your jar)

Instructions:

1. Decorate your large jar with the blue and red ribbon (be creative).
2. Fill your jar completely full with the peppermint candy and count them as you go.
3. Have the people in your party guess how many candies are in the jar.
4. The person who comes the closest to the number without going over, is the winner and gets the jar full of candy.