

## Summer Games 2024

Complete 1 requirement to earn this patch. Item: SUMMER-GAMES-24: \$1.75 Celebrate the Summer Games in 2024 with this commemorative patch! COMPLETE ONE REQUIREMENT TO EARN THE PATCH

1. Learn more about the summer games and where they are located in 2024. Identify the country flag.
2. Aquatics: Learn more about one of the following water sports: Diving, canoeing, rowing, sailing, swimming, water polo or synchronized swimming. Watch the sport on TV or in person, read an article, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, learn about water safety, try out one of the sports or make a poster or craft
related to the sport.
3. Archery: Learn more about the sport of Archery. Watch a movie or TV show with Archery, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, or try your hand at archery.
4. Athletics: Learn more about one of the following sports: Hockey, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, handball, tennis, or field hockey. Watch the sport on TV or in person, read an article, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, or try out one of the sports, or make a collage' or craft related to the sport.
5. Specialized Sports: Learn more about one of the following sports: Equestrian, judo, fencing, Taekwondo, and table tennis. Watch the sport on TV or in person, read an article, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, or try out one of the sports or make a collage', poster or craft related to the sport.
6. Endurance: Learn more about one of the following sports: Cycling, weight lifting, boxing, triathlon, or pentathIon. Watch the sport on TV or in person, read an article, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, or try out one of the sports or make a poster or craft related to the sport.
7. Gymnastics and Trampoline: Watch the sport on TV or in person, read an article, learn more about a famous person that participates in this sport, or try out one of the activities related to the sport, or make a scrunchie or craft related to the sport.
8. Participant in a short workout routine, dance class or sport. Make sure you warm up and cool down before and after exercising, drinking water before and after exercising, and use the proper equipment.
9. Each team or country has a different uniform that they wear when they are competing in the summer games. Choose one of the following: Learn more about a uniform from a country, such as colors or designs OR design your own uniform if you were in summer games.
10. Choose a recipe from the country that is hosting the summer games to try or have a tea party. Suggestions: Petite fours, Earl Grey tea, scones, shepherd's pie or tea sandwiches.
11. Play a game that helps you learn more about the summer games. Examples include a word search, sport matching cards, guess the summer game, or play charades and act out a sport or word affiliated with the summer games.
12. Create a craft that represents the summer games. Examples include: hair wreath, medal, decorate a t-shirt, create a paper flag, make a patriotic craft, or torch.
13. Create your own summer games with your group or have a field day. Examples include: relay races, water games, parachute, games with a ball, team tag games, tug -o-war, or other similar games.
14. Collect games for the less fortunate and donate them. Games can be card games, strategic games , or board games.
15. Create or enjoy foods are served in the summer. You can also have a picnic or a barbecue. Examples include: grilled food, ice cream, popsicles, lemonade, sandwiches, or watermelon.
16. Create your own special event or attend an event that represents the summer games.


## Where are the Summer Games this year?

France is the place where the Summer Games take place this year. Color the map, paper doll, and flag below to learn more about them.


## Summer Games Activities

## Famous Athletes \& My Inspirations Booklet

Learn more about the Summer Games athletes and complete fun extra pages inside to make a book.


Cut out the booklet on the solid lines, not the middle line. Stack them and fold in half and staple. Use the blank pages to draw pictures of your inspirations or cut out magazine pictures.

## Summer Games Poster Design

Using the template that we've already started, design the rest of your Summer Games poster! You can put sports, stickers, glitter, torches, medals, famous athletes, etc. to complete it. Hang it somewhere where you'll remember the Summer Games 2016.


## Design Your Own Summer Games Uniform

Using the template that we've already started, design your own team uniforms. Pretend you are going to the Summer Games and they are competing in the Summer Games! You can even add gold medals around their necks.


## Summer Games Word Search

Have some fun by trying to find the hidden words through the word search. When you're finished, circle the missing letters to find a secret message!

## Host Your Own Summer Games Party!

Have some fun while watching the Summer Games premiere on August 5-21, 2016 by using our craft, games, and invitations! We have packed this kit full of ideas for hosting your own party this summer. You can have a Summer Games, Carnival Festival, or Patriotic themed party.



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## Basketball

Shaquille "Shaq" O'Neal—a legendary American basketball player with two gold medals and played with 6 American teams and has won 48+ various awards.

Yao Ming-a legendary Chinese basketball player that was the tallest man in the NBA- 7 feet and 6 inches! He won 3 gold medals in FIBA World Championship and 1 silver. He played for the Houston Rockets before retiring.
LeBron James Sr.-a legendary American basketball player that has 2 gold and 1 bronze medal, plus 1 more gold and bronze from FIBA. He is the oldest active player in the NBA. He plays for the LA Lakers.

## Tennis

Roger Federer-an amazing Swiss tennis player with 1 gold medal for doubles and a silver for singles. He was ranked \#1 for 302 weeks and has won 17 Grand Slam titles, making it the record. He plays on clay, hard courts, and grass.

Venus and Serena Wil-liams-an amazing sister duo from America who have played together and against each other. Venus has won 7 Grand Slams and Serena has won 23. They have won 3 Olympic gold medals for doubles.
Andre Agassi-an amazing American player who is considered to be the greatest tennis player of all time. He has 1 gold medal and is the only one to win all four Grand Slam tournaments.
"Sugar" Ray Leonard-a great American boxer who specializes in lightweight. He won a gold medal in 1976 Olympics in Light Welterweight division. He is a member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Muhammad Ali-a great American boxer who specializes in light heavyweight. He has won 56 fights and has won 1 gold medal. He won the World Championship 3 times in a row and is in the hall of fame.

George Foreman-a great American boxer who specializes in heavyweight. He is a 2 time world champion, has won 1 gold medal, and has been inducted to the World Boxing Hall of Fame. He has 76 wins.

Summer Games 2020 Poster


## Design Your Own Summer Games Outfit

Decorate the clothing patriotic or according to your favorite colors.


Covers requirement \#9



## Gold Medal Template



## Summer Games Crafts

## Scrunchie

2 inches wide $X 22$ inches long of cotton or cotton blend fabric
Sewing machine, with matching thread
2 large safety pins
Elastic1/4 inch wide, about 6 inches long


Start by folding the fabric in half long way, so it looks like a long tube. Take the top part of the fabric and fold one edge over, to create a small hem, sewing it on the wrong side of the fabric. Repeat on the other end of the fabric. Trim the threads and fold it back together, with the outside of the fabric facing out. Sew down the side of the fabric, making sure each side is together as you sew down the side. Use the pressure foot as a guide for the width. Guide the pressure along the edge of the fabric.

Next place a large safety pin on the top of the fabric, only pinning one side of the fabric. Push the safety pin through the tube. Continue to push the tube through until the fabric is turned right side out. Unhook the safety pin.

Cut the elastic to go inside the scrunchie, about 6 inches. Attach the safety to one end of the elastic and another at the other end attaching it to the fabric. This way you will not loose the end of the elastic as you are pushing it through.

## Summer Games Torch

White construction paper or cardstock
Packaging tape
Red, yellow, and orange tissue paper
White glue


Roll the white paper into a cone shape and tape closed. Cut the tissue paper into squares (about 12 " $\times 12$ ') or cut them into random shapes. Gather all the tissue paper in your hand and glue them in the center of the cone. Let dry completely before using to march at your own Summer Games.

## Gold Medal

Pattern, on the next page
White or gold cardstock
USA, gold, or black ribbon
Hole punch


Gold paint or permanent markers (if your paper is not gold)
Glitter, sequins, rhinestones, permanent markers, etc. for decorating
Copy the pattern on the next page for the medal circle outline so everyone has one circle. Have them color or paint the circle gold if your paper is not gold. Let it dry and write or decorate with glitter, sequins, rhinestones, permanent markers, etc. Some examples are: \#1, USA, winner! Hole punch the top when dry and thread the ribbon through and wear around your neck.

## Champion Wreath

Leaf and/or flower garland
Silver or gold star confetti (optional)
Hot glue gun with glue sticks
Ribbon


Wrap the garland around your head to measure and cut. Hot glue silver stars in the garland, if using. Tie the ribbon to the ends of the wreath and tie around the head to secure. You can also make a bow and hot glue it to the wreath if you wish.

## Patriotic Crafts



## Decorate Your Own Totebag

Plain light colored canvas tote bag
Water bottle and small towel
Optional decorations: fabric markers, rubber stamps and fabric ink pads, stencils, iron decals or appliques.
Paper and pencil
Have the participants choose the items they wish to use on their totebag. Give them a piece of paper and pencil to draw out the design or create a unique design before they start drawing. Assist them in ironing items. You can make it patriotic if you wish by writing "USA" or "\#1" on it. Place your water bottle and towel in the totebag.

## USA Pennant

Blue, red, or white felt
Puffy paint and fabric markers
Silver glitter glue
Permanent markers
Wooden dowel
Hot glue gun with hot glue sticks


Cut the felt into how big of a triangle you want for your pennant. Cut the flat edge a little bigger. Place a line of hot glue on the top of the dowel, measuring the length of the flat edge of the pennant. Wrap the edge around the dowel where you put the glue and press it down. Lay the pennant flat on the table and decorate with puffy paint, fabric markers, silver glitter glue, etc. Some suggestions are: GO TEAM!, I LOVE USA, GO PHELPS.

## Patriotic Tye-Dye Shirt

white 100\% cotton t-shirts
rubber gloves
rubber bands
Plastic tablecloth or a large garbage bag per participant to place on your lawn tie dye kit [found at your local craft store]
old clothes to wear while dyeing


There are several ways to tie-dye a piece of clothing. Start with a white piece of cotton clothing that has been washed at least once. **CAUTION: Don't work with dyes in or around where food is prepared, or mix dyes with a container or spoon used for eating.**

## Three different design ideas:

1) Take a dowel rod or stick and place it in the middle of a shirt. Twist the rod ever so slightly until the shirt is turned into a complete circle of swirls. Do the same to the sleeves or create another design. Rubber band the circle of the shirt and other areas you have swirled the shirt. Apply the dye as directed on the container.
2) Tie rubber bands in different areas of the shirt. Keep in mind the bands must be tight to ensure that the dye doesn't seep through to areas that you would like to stay white. Apply dye as directed.
3) Twist, turn and bind the shirt in different areas and designs. Secure the design with rubber bands. Apply dye as directed on the container.

For a variety of colors on your shirt, use the squeeze or spray bottle method. Mix your dye as directed. Saturate the area where you would like that color and continue this method with other colors. Place item in a gallon ziploc bag sealed tight for at least 24 hours. Wash garment in the washer alone in cold water until all colors run clear. Toss it in a dryer to set the colors. NOTE: Do not wash with other shirts due to the dye bleeding on other clothing.

## France Crafts

A Royal Scepter- A staff used Festival of Kings The person or child that finds the lucky charm in the cake for kings is crowned KING for the day.

3 inch round Styrofoam ball or Styrofoam Christmas ornament Medium sized wooden dowel

## Sequins

Pins
Take the Styrofoam ball and carefully place sequins all around the outside, using stick pins and sequins. Leave an opening at the bottom to place the dowel through it.

Place the premade ornament or decorated Styrofoam ball on the end of the dowel. Be careful it you push it too far in the dowel it will poke through the other end. Do not wiggle or twist the Styrofoam ball on the end of the dowel it will make the hole too large and the ball will fall off. A suggestion is to place air drying clay on the underside.

## April Fish

Pattern of the fish (at the back of the manual) Markers or crayons
 Scissors
Optional items: glue, construction paper, tissue paper, sequins, glitter glue, tape and yarn
Distribute each participant a fish pattern to color. Encourage them to decorate them. Older participants may wish to draw more details and watercolor the fish with beautiful pastel colors. After they have colored the fish they should cut it out. If they plan to apply sequins, glitter etc. they will need to glue the fish to construction paper or cardstock. If they do not the items will way the fish down and make the paper pucker. If they would like to make a fish kite they will need to tape a piece of yarn to the end of the kite. They can then jog around holding their kite in the air.

## Decorate!

Old pair of jeans or sneakers or shirt or socks Puffy paint, appliqués, ribbon, glitter glue, etc.


Paris is the fashion capital of the world. Take your old item and make it a new fashion statement in your community. You can also put a French twist on your outfit by placing fleur de lis, Eiffel towers, crowns, French words, or adding a beret or neck scarf to your outfit. For extra, you can have a fashion show or make your own magazine covers.

## Summer Games Recipes

## Around the World Cupcakes

1 box of cupcake mix, any kind, and the ingredients to complete
Cupcake liners
Toothpicks
World flags and tape
White frosting


Green and blue food coloring
Prepare the cupcakes according the package and let cool completely. Divide the white frosting in half and drop a couple drops of green food coloring in one side and blue in the other side. Frost all the cupcakes blue except 7 (unless you want to do more than one for each continent). Frost the remaining 6 green. Place a country flag from each continent that participates in the Summer Games in each of the 6. For example: USA, Kenya, England, Bolivia, Japan, Australia. For extra, you can top the cupcakes with something that represents the country—like a tea cookie for Brazil.

## Summer Games Pool Cake-Dive in!

1 box of yellow cake mix, and ingredients to complete
White frosting
Blue food coloring
Teddy Grahams ${ }^{\circledR}$
Gummy lifesavers®


Graham cracker crumbs
Umbrellas for drinks
Make the cake mix in a rectangle or oval cake pan according to the package and let cool completely. Mix the blue food coloring into the icing completely. Spread out over the cake evenly and sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs around the pool shape for sand. Place the umbrellas sprattically around the sandy area and place some Teddy Grahams $\mathbb{R}^{\circledR}$ underneath them for them tanning. Place some Gummy lifesavers $®^{\circledR}$ in the blue area for inside the pool and place some Teddy Grahams $®^{\circledR}$ inside for them floating. You can cut some in half and have them diving in or out of the pool as well. For extra, you can put blue swimsuits on them with the extra icing with toothpicks.

Seven Layer Dip-to represent the 7 continents!
1-16 oz. can of refried beans
1 oz . container of sour cream
Guacamole (sold in grocery stores)
Salsa
Shredded cheese
1 can of black olives
Green onions (optional)
A deep bowl or casserole dish
Tortilla chips


Empty the can of refried beans into the bottom of the bowl or casserole dish and mix slightly. You can warm them up if you want. Place the whole container of sour cream for the next layer. Place 1 cup of the guacamole next, then 1 cup of salsa. Place 1 cup of shredded cheese next and however many black olives you wish on top. If you're using the green onions, chop them up and place on top. Serve with tortilla chips!

## Patriotic Recipes

## JELL-O® FUN

4-4 oz packages of Jell-O® gelatin (red)
4-4 oz packages Jell-O® gelatin (blue)
5 cups water; boiling
large tub of Cool Whip®, plastic clear cups or dessert cups


Stir boiling water into gelatin, dissolve completely. Pour each color mixture slowly into $13 \times 9$ inch pan. Chill at least 3 hours. Jell-O® will be firm after 1 hour, but may be difficult to remove from pan. Cutting Jell-O®: Dip bottom of pan in warm water for 15 seconds to loosen gelatin. Cut Jell-O® into small cubes, thumb print sizes, all the way through gelatin. Lift out with spoon or spatula. Makes about 10-12 cups of dessert (depending on the size of the cup) Dish out blue Jell-O®, add a layer of cool whip, now finish off with a layer of red Jell- $O ®$ The clear cup should look like red, white and blue layers.

## Red, White, and Blue Cheeseburger

1/2-1 pound of lean ground beef
Tomatoes or ketchup
Mayonnaise, onions, or Swiss cheese
Blue cheese


Salt and pepper
Hamburger buns
Form the meat into patties and sprinkle salt and pepper on them. Place onto a ready grill and grill them until desired temperature. Place tomatoes or ketchup, mayonnaise, onions, or Swiss cheese, and blue cheese onto your patriotic cheeseburger and enjoy!

## All American Apple Pie

$11 / 2$ cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons cold milk
$11 / 2$ teaspoons white sugar
1 teaspoon salt
6 apples, cored and sliced
3/4 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
$1 / 2$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup butter


Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$ F. Crust: In a large bowl, mix together 1 1/2 cups flour, oil, milk, $11 / 2$ teaspoons sugar and salt until evenly blended. Pat mixture into a 9 inch pie pan, spreading the dough evenly over the bottom and up sides. Crimp edges of the dough around the edge of the pie pan. Filling: Mix together $3 / 4$ cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Sprinkle over apples and toss to coat. Spread evenly in unbaked pie shell. Topping: Using a pastry cutter, mix together $1 / 2$ cup flour, $1 / 2$ cup sugar and butter until evenly distributed and crumbly in texture. Sprinkle over apples. Put pie in the oven on a cookie sheet to catch the juices that may spill over. Bake 45 minutes.

## France Food and Recipes

Crêpes - A very thin small pancake, often stuffed and rolled up. You can also use a pancake batter mix, prepared thinner by adding more water.

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup of milk
1 egg and 1 teaspoon of salt


Let crepe mix stand in fridge for 10 minutes. Heat the frying pan/crepe pan (non stick works best) over medium heat. Pour about a third of a cup of batter in the pan, and make a circular motion as to just coat the pan, these are to be thin, they are not like pancakes. After about 2 minutes, just lift the edge of the crepe to see if it is brown, once it is browning, you want to flip the crepe over, and cook for about another minute, but watch it carefully so it does not burn. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for remaining crepes. These are usually served warm, and you can add fruit topping, nutella, honey, powdered sugar, whipped cream or jelly to the crepes.

## Ratatouille (Vegetable Casserole)

1/2 cup olive oil
2 onions, chopped
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
4 cups eggplant, peeled and cut into chunks
2 green bell peppers, cored, seeded, cut into thin strips
2 zucchinis, cut into rounds
$1 / 2$ teaspoon ground oregano
$1 / 2$ teaspoon ground thyme
3 bay leaves
2 cups of canned tomatoes
1 teaspoon salt and Olive oil
Sprinkle salt on eggplant and leave on plate for 30 minutes. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a saucepan in medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook until onions are soft ( 5 minutes). Place mixture at the bottom of a casserole dish. Rinse the eggplant in a strainer under COLD water and drain. Heat 2 more tablespoons of olive oil under medium heat again. Add eggplant, bell peppers, zucchinis, and spices. Reduce heat to simmer and cover to cook for minutes. Remove bay leaves. Transfer mixture into the casserole dish and mix with the onions and garlic. Next, layer the tomatoes on top and sprinkle pepper and salt to your pleasing. Drizzle with the rest of olive oil and bake in the oven for 45 minutes or until top is brown. Serve hot with French bread and butter.

## Items that you can purchase easily at the grocery store to add a French touch to your event:

Bread: Croissants, French Baguettes, French Bread, and Brioche. Serve with jelly or preserves. Drizzle melted chocolate over the bread. Melt chocolate chips in the center of the bread. (pain au chocolate)
Cheeses: There is a different cheese available every day of the year. Chevre, Goat's cheese, Camenvert and Brie, creamy, blue cheeses, and sweet cheeses.
Desserts: There are a variety of desserts served in France. These are a few you may find in your grocery store: cream-puff pastry, tarts, fruit filled cookies, custards, cakes, soufflés, mousses, puddings, and chocolate.

## Host Your Own Summer Games Party!

Setting up for your Summer Games Party \{Summer Games parties are nice for indoors or outdoors\}

- Table Decor: Patriotic star centerpieces, mini American flags, or festive cupcakes.
- Place cards can be star garland woven into a star with their name attached to it or a wooden star with their name on it. View our invitation template on the next page.
- Serving Trays or Dessert Tiered Tray: Purchase plastic star plates to place
 small treats on the table. Pitcher of lemonade-strawberry or cherry would fit the theme. Larger red, white, or blue bowls and containers can be on the serving table with cupcakes, chips, and sandwiches. You can sometimes find nice trays on clearance after Fourth of July at craft stores. If you have dessert tiered tray that holds plates, you can switch out the plates for red, white or blue.
- Favors or Gifts to Guests: These could be crafts they complete or items to compliment the theme. Examples: make your own patriotic shirt, design your own medal, make your own scrunchie, mini American flags, make a patriotic barrette, or play jewelry.
- Decorations: Paper lanterns, tissue paper flowers, vibrant banners, star garland, bunting, twinkling lights, summer themed items, etc.
- Crafts or Activities After the Food: Choose a separate area to conduct crafts and games. Examples are: score cards, hot gluing ribbon to a dowel to wave, make a USA pennant, design your own uniform, and play our games in this kit. View our Summer Games, USA or Washington, DC patch program for more information on crafts and activities. Available free online.
- Community Service: Have guests bring a game to donate for community service in spirit of the teams coming together for Summer Games. Donate them to a local organization, Ronald McDonald House, nursing home, or hospital. See our website for more.


## Suggestions of Activities to Do While Watching the Summer Games:

- Score the Athletes: Make your own score cards from 0-10 to rate the athletes after they have performed. See how close you were!
- Do the Summer Games Word Search during commercial breaks.
- Try different foods from around the world to experience new cultures.
- Root for your team with waving your USA pennant or ribbon stick.
- Walk with the athletes while the Torch Ceremony is going on with your own torch.
- Play Charades of different summer games featured on commercial breaks or after the events.
- Participate in a short workout including some summer games moves! Some examples are: moving your arms like a swimmer, stretching like you're shooting a hoop, kicking a soccer ball, and more.
- Have a Carnival celebration like you're in Brazil!
- Make mini snacks to eat while watching the game. Some examples are: mini sandwiches cut into stars, mini pancakes or cupcakes, fruit and yogurt parfait, a milkshake, or an ice cream sundae.
- Take the "What Sport Would You Be Good At?" questionnaire in this kit for yourself to find out what your Summer Games calling is!
- Play team games with your family and friends in the spirits of the game.
- Make everyone a winner by making them a wreath and medal for them to wear during the games.



## Summer Games Party Invitations

Copy the below invitations out on cardstock paper in patriotic colors.
You can also write the items to bring for a potluck or BBQ or additional information about the event. Example: "Wear Red, White, and Blue" or "Bring a game to donate to charity."


## Summer Games Themed Games

## Summer Games Memory Cards

Located on page 20 and 21 of this activity booklet are memory cards to color and cut out and glue on index cards.

Color the cards according to the name of the color on the card.
 Color and cut out and glue on index cards.

The game is best played two players so they can take turns finding the matches. If you have a large group, you can make several copies of the cards so you can create more than one game. Gluing them on index cards prevents them from seeing through the paper.

## Go for the Gold Card Game

Cards located on page 20 and 21 of this activity booklet are Summer Games Cards
Make two copies of the cards so there are 4 of each kind.


## Color the cards according to the name of the color on the card. Color and cut out and glue on index cards.

The game is best played with 3-4 players. Each person is given five cards, the remainder is placed in a deck face down. The first player begins by asking for a match to anyone playing. If they do not have a match then they say "go for the gold!" The player draws a card from the deck. If they receive a match from a player or the deck then they lay it down in front of them. The first person that goes out with no cards in their hand wins.

## Guess the Summer Game!

Cut out the cards located on page 22 and 23 along the lines. Fold on the center line to hide the answer. See how many sports you can guess. Can you think of any other sports that are featured in the Summer Games?


## What Sport Would You Be Good At?

Cut out the cards located on page 24 along the lines. Have someone tell you the clues and have you guess the sport. If it describes you, you might be good at that sport!



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Fold on the line To create hide the answer.



I am a sport that you use your feet to make you go faster to pass other riders.


I am a sport that involves a round ball and a circular net that is very high to shoot in.


## Relay or Field Games



## Cup Relay

(4) plastic cups (all the same size)
(4) buckets or plastic containers

To start the relay race. Divide each team into two groups. The first person needs to dip their cup in the water bucket and place it on their head, race to the other end where their is a bucket or person with a cup on their head. No matter what they can not take the cup off their head. The person at the other end can squat down, but can not remove the cup from their head. After the team mate has left, they then can dump the contents in a bucket or plastic container. After the team has went through one cycle of transporting the water. The water should be measured. The team with the most water wins. As another twist of this game is to play it in the pool.

## Ring Toss

Purchase a ring toss game at the local store
Line the participants up at the starting at least two feet from the ring toss holder. Let them toss three rings on the post. If they toss the ring on the post they receive 3 points, touching the post 2 points, and touching the bottom edge of the post 1 point.


Tug-Of-War- game of strength and endurance.
100 foot rope, marked in the middle with a piece of masking tape
Field or flat area to play
Duct tape
Judge and two teams of players
Form two teams of at least 5-6 players. They should have equal number of people on each team. Make a line on the ground with a long pool floating device or any other soft object. This will be the center line. The judge is not allowed to play the game but has to determine a winner and watch for people breaking the rules.
The marked area in the center of the rope is the center mark for the starting point. Measure 15 feet from the center in each direction and tape the rope at those points. When this line crosses the line on the ground, the team on that end has lost. Make one more set of tape marks 2 feet further from the ones you just made. This is where the participants are allowed to place their hands and they are not allowed to move their hand over the tape.

Line both teams up on their sides of the rope. Stagger each person on the rope on each end. Have everyone pick up the rope and hold it tight. The judge lines up the tape over the center line. Judge yells, "Ready Set, Pull"! Each team pulls until one side's tape crosses the line. The group that wins each receives 5 points for their total.

## Gold Medal Hunt

## 2 buckets

About 100 gold coins (can be plastic-found at dollar and craft stores) Water


You will need two buckets and about 50 gold coins for each group. Divide your group into teams and place them into lines. Fill the first bucket up with water and dump the gold coins in it. Have the participants take their shoes off so that they are barefoot. At the "start" signal, the first player sticks their foot into the bucket with the gold coins and tries to pick them up with their toes. They have three tries to transfer as many gold coins as they can into the empty bucket. The team that has the most gold coins by the time everyone goes is the winner.

## Patriotic Games

## Patriotic Relay

For each team:
Large white, red, or blue t-shirt
Cheap/costume/plastic jewelry (ex. Clip-on earrings, bangles, headbands, large necklaces, etc.)
USA pennant, tye-dye shirt, star wand, ball cap-anything else you can think of
 Red, white, or blue flip flops
Denim elastic shorts
Plastic bin to fit all of the items in
Divide your group into even teams. Have a leader oversee them and say when to go. On the start of go, the first team member has to place all of the items in the bin on and walk or run as quickly as possible (be very careful of tripping!) to the other side and the person has to take all of the items off when they get there and place them in the bin. Make sure to tell them to go to the other side with the bin! They walk or run quickly back and hand it off to the next person in line and they repeat the process until all of the people have gone. Whoever is the fastest team, wins.

USA Scavenger Hunt-this works great outside too!


Equipment: pictures of various USA items (The White House, USA flag, Statue of Liberty.)

Hide the pictures of USA in various places around the room. Write clues to guide the players to the clues. Example: this building is near something blue (ex. a chair) or this is not near the Statue of Liberty. You can also split up into teams and see who finds the most.

## American Flag Relay

Two buckets filled with sand
Mini American flags (about 20), depending on how many people you have


Mark a line with a beginning area and have the participants line up in a line. Place the buckets at the ending point and stick the American flags inside the buckets, one for each player. Have the first one in line race toward the bucket at the end and grab a flag out of the bucket. They race back to the line and go to the end. The first team that collects all their flags win. For their prize, they can keep their flags.

## Red, White, and Blue

Have all the participants sit in a circle and pick someone to go first. They say something that is red (ex. Cherries) and have the next person say something white (ex. Cotton balls), then blue (blueberries). Have this continue around the circle with different items. No one can repeat items or take too long or they're out. The last person standing wins.

## Token Tag



Even number of red, white, and blue tokens
Give each player a red, white, OR blue token and have someone begin the game. The players try to tag someone, and when they do, they get their token. If they have more than one, then they get to choose or the tagged player does. Whoever gets a red, white, and blue token first wins.

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