**Games for December 2016 Roundtable**

**Themes: A Scout is Brave; Recognition**

**Game Title**: Bump Tag

**Where Played:** Indoors or outdoors. If indoors, use a large room, like a gym.

**Type of Game**: Chase game.

**Number of Boys**: At least ten, but a larger number is better.

**Equipment Required**: None.

**Goal**: Avoid becoming the cat

**Source:** www.ventureteambuilding.co.uk

**Rules of the Game**:

1. The leader selects a cat and a mouse from the group. The rest of the boys then form pairs and stand side –by-side spread out about the playing area with their hands linked
2. The objective is for the cat to chase and tag the mouse. If the cat manages to catch the mouse, the mouse becomes the cat and the cat becomes the mouse. The new cat counts to ten then starts to chase the new mouse.
3. The mouse changes throughout the game by the mouse linking to the side of a pair. The person on the opposite side of the pair to where the mouse has linked themselves then becomes the mouse and the cat has to chase him instead. The new mouse cannot reconnect to his original pair.
4. There are no “winners” or “losers” to this game. An option is to place a time limit of ten minutes or so for the game, and the one who is the “cat” must bow down to the one who is the “mouse”.
5. Another option is to have two mice. This may be the solution to the case where there are an odd number of players playing.
6. A third option, which may be useful for a larger number of boys, is to have two cats and two mice (or three mice if there are an odd number of boys).

**Game Title**: Over Under Race

**Where Played:** Indoors or outdoors.

**Type of Game**: Team game

**Number of Boys**: At least ten boys. Number should be an even number. Use a den chief, a sibling, or an adult to even out the teams.

**Equipment Required**: Two medium sized balls (e.g., basketballs, soccer balls, playground balls)

**Goal:** Be on the team to finish first

**Source:** www.ventureteambuilding.co.uk

**Rules of the Game**:

1. The boys are split into two even teams. Each team then forms a line, single file, and the first boy of each team is given a ball.
2. At the leader’s signal, the boy at the head of the line passes the ball over his head to the boy behind him. The second boy passes the ball between his legs to the boy behind him who then passes the ball over his head to boy behind him. This passing, over and under, continues until it reaches the boy at the back of the line. This boy takes the ball and runs to the front of the line where the process starts again: over, under, over, under, etc.
3. The game continues until the team returns to its original starting order.
4. A variation of this game is called tunnel ball. In this game, the ball is rolled through the legs of all the team members until the person at the back catches it and runs to the front of the line, where the process begins again.
5. Another option is a reverse over under, where the ball starts at the back, the last boy passes the ball over the boy in front of him who passes the ball through the legs of the boy in front of him, etc., until it reaches the boy in front of the line who then runs to the back of the line.

**Game Title**: Noah’s Ark

**Where Played:** Indoors or Outdoors.

**Type of Game**: Group game

**Number of Boys**: ten or more boys; must have an even number

**Equipment Required**: List of twenty animals that make distinctive sounds

**Source:** www.ventureteambuilding.co.uk (Fruit Salad)

**Rules of the Game**:

1. The boys pair up, and each pair chooses a different animal from the list held by the leader.
2. Each pair stands opposite each other in two lines (similar to line dancing) and make a tunnel with their hands. The leader then calls out an animal’s name randomly from their list.
3. When a pair’s animal has been called, they run through the tunnel making the noise of their animal, then around the outside and race back through the tunnel to their original places.
4. An option is to make this game competitive by making each line one team and scoring the winning participant from each race.

Sample list:

1. Lion 11. Monkey
2. Sheep 12. Donkey
3. Dog 13. Elephant
4. Snake 14. Zombie
5. Wolf 15. Chicken
6. Cow 16. Duck
7. Cat 17. Horse
8. Mouse 18. Frog
9. Bee 19. Owls
10. Pig 20. Crows