

GAME IDEAS - NEWSPAPER GAMES

Activities for any section – adapt the instructions to suit your section.

Here are some activities that will help build teamwork at little cost and using newspaper that can then be recycled...

Equipment:

Newspapers for all games plus:

Game 1 – Adhesive Tape or Packing Twine

Game 2 – Straws, Bowls and Chopsticks

Game 4 – Adhesive Tape and Balloons

Game 6 – String and Game 10 – Adhesive Tape

Time: As long as you want!

1 - Newspaper Mummies...



Each group must totally wrap up one person in newspapers. The mummy is secured using adhesive tape or package twine.

Scout and Explorer Extra: Then the mummy must be (carefully) transported from point A to point B. Who is the fastest? Which mummy is best preserved?

2 - Newspaper Salad...

Small pieces of newspaper are sucked up with a straw from bowl A to bowl B.

Scout and Explorer Extra:

The snippets of paper are moved using a pair of chopsticks.

3 - Pocket Newspaper...

Teams try to fold a sheet of newspaper into the smallest size to fit into a pocket.

Scout and Explorer Extra:

Each member of the team can only use one hand.

4 - Newspaper Tarp...

At least 6-9 newspaper pages are taped together to make a large tarp. All group members must hold the tarp, balance a balloon on top of it and carry from point A to point B.

Scout and Explorer Extra:

This game can also be played as a relay race, with the teams constructing their own tarp as part of the game.

5 - Newspaper Pyramid...

Each team is given one piece of newspaper. How many people can stand on it, without touching the floor?

6 - Newspaper Cable Car...

A hole is punched in one or several pieces of paper which are threaded onto a piece of string. The string is tied between two objects (stools, trees or posts).

The task is now to blow one or several pieces of paper along the length of the thread - two teams can race.

7 - Tied up in Newspaper...

Two small holes are torn in a large newspaper page.

Two players stick one hand each in these holes.

Together they must go through an obstacle course or a relay course. Which team/pair is the fastest without tearing the newspaper or it falling off?

Scout and Explorer Extra: Instead of a hand, a foot is placed into the holes in the newspaper and the race is run again.

8 - Newspaper Snakes...

Each person is given a sheet of newspaper. All take part in a competition to make the longest snake, by tearing the newspaper into a long strip.

9 - Newspaper Battle...

Each team defends their half of the battlefield and gets a pile of newspapers to make missiles. At the signal, each team makes balls out of the newspapers and throws them to the opposing team's side. When the whistle blows, the team that has the least paper balls or newspaper pages on their side wins the battle.

10 - Newspaper Catapillar Tracks...



Each group is given a "catapillar track" made from taping sheets of newspaper together. Team members get inside the "track" and race from point A to point B.

Scout and Explorer Extra: The tracks have to be made before the race can begin by the team members.