

camp camp beginner running games

before you begin	
objective:	participants will strengthen ability to take direction and follow cues through auditory processing
values:	creativity
number of participants:	15-25
materials:	an open space

## how to play

- 1. Participants stand in a circle.
- 2. The facilitator says, "When I say the word 'bunk', everyone runs to this area" and points to a side of the room.
- 3. The facilitator says "bunk" and all the kids run to that side.
- 4. The facilitator does the same with the three other sides of the room using the following designated cues:
  - o Bunk-run to front side of the room
  - o Dining Hall-run to left another side of the room
  - o Rec Hall-run to right side of the room
  - o Waterfront-run to back side of the room
- 5. Once participants are familiar with these directions, the facilitator calls out directions quickly and gets participants moving rapidly between areas.
- 6. As participants play, facilitator introduces additional challenges.

## $\stackrel{\wedge}{\boxtimes}$ sidecoaching:

## Here are some sample challenges utilizing charades and partnership;

- "Evening Activity"- Grab a microphone and sing
- "Motorboat"- find a partner, one is the boat, the other the skier
- o "Ropes course"- climb an imaginary rope and ring the bell at the top
- o "Clean up"- grab a broom and sweep
- o "Lights out"- go to sleep
- o "Wake up"- get up and hit alarm clock, and go back to bed
- o "Visiting day"-find someone and hug them for a photo, hold it
- o "Canteen"- walk around fat
- o "Raid"- try to hide
- "OD"- Stand at attention in front of leader. Leader tries to make participants break character.
- o "Free play"- run around screaming

- o "Rest hour"- play video games
- o "Line up"- quick pledge of allegiance
- For an extra challenge, introduce "jail" where the last participants to reach an area or participants who miss a cue, go to a section of the space where they can only be released if tagged by another participant.
- With older participants, see if they have any challenges to add to the game.
- Make this a game you play often and add on new "cues" each time you play.