

CENTIPEDE RACE

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

Students are joined together at the ankle and need to work together to reach the finish line.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Team Building

MINIMUM TIME NEEDED FOR ACTIVITY: 20 Min

GRADE LEVEL: 4th +

SUBJECT AREA: Team Building

MATERIALS:

Lots of bandanas

• Wide-open space with no obstacles

SET UP:

- 1. Divide groups into teams of three to six. Give each team bandanas numbering one less than the team size.
- 2. Have the team line up shoulder-to-shoulder. Teammates tie their ankles together, as in for a three-legged race. (A team of four would have five "legs" and three bandanas)
- 3. Establish beginning and end of a race course.

PLAY:

- 1. Have students practice moving around the space until they are more comfortable and to strategize.
- 2. Run races to see which team makes it across the course first.

VARIATIONS:

- When the team lines up, have every other person face the opposite way.
- Set up a slalom course for the teams to go through, or have to pass through hula hoops, etc.
- Give points (or deduct time) for teams crossing the course without falling.
- Have teams go through a course where each person has to pick up an item.