**Dive In**

Dive In is an awesome summer activity! It is a great idea for a swim party, retreat or camp.

Don’t let the game’s simplicity fool you. Preteens will love it.

**Supplies:** Lots of marshmallows, four buckets and a pool or lake.

**How to play:** Throw lots of marshmallows in a pool or lake. Divide preteens into four equal smaller teams. [If you have a large group, consider dividing into more than four groups] Spread the four buckets around the pool or lake on dry land with each one belonging to a specific team. The goal is for each group to collectively gather the most marshmallows. On GO, preteens jump in the pool or lake grabbing as many marshmallows as possible placing them in their team’s bucket. Put in enough marshmallows so each preteen will have to take multiple trips to the bucket. Allow players to continue until all marshmallows are gone.

**Tips:**

* Get permission from the camp director or pool owner before playing.
* No need to worry, marshmallows are harmless and won’t mess up the pool or lake.
* The more preteens you have, the more marshmallows you should have on hand.
* Keep a few extra bags of marshmallows handy in case you run out too soon.
* The longer the game goes on the soggier the marshmallows get and the more fun the game becomes.
* Have a few leaders guard the buckets in case some preteens get the idea to steal from other team’s buckets.
* Purchase the big marshmallows, not the smaller ones.
* When throwing the marshmallows, spread them out as much as possible.
* If you are at a lake (especially at a camp facility), preteens will most likely be required to put life jackets on. Even if it is not required, it is a good idea to have them on players if available.
* The first time we tried it, players were instructed to place the marshmallows in canoes rather than buckets. Within minutes, the canoes sank. Not a good idea!