**HOT POTATO TAG**

Players sit in a circle within a large clearly defined playing area (ex: gym, field, big square marked with tape, etc). Play hot potato with 3-4 items. Larger groups can play with more items. Use simple but unusual items such as a roll of toilet paper, can of Spam, box of candy, sponge, etc. Play music in the background while preteens pass the items around the circle. If you really want to mix it up have preteens pass around the items in different directions. When the music stops, those who have the items in their hands are IT. They then have 20 seconds to tag as many others as possible. Others in the group can move around within the marked playing area. Players who are IT and those who were tagged are out. That way, players aren’t out for too long and can play another round. Continue playing until only one player is left. Play the game several rounds as time allows.