**I SURVIVED A JAPANESE GAME SHOW**

**GAME 1 – SQUISHI SQUISHI**

**Supplies:** Lots of large orange cones, sponges, buckets, water, two small kid size pools, dodge balls and blindfolds. Using orange cones create a zigzag path 15 feet wide and 30-40 feet long that kids will travel through while blindfolded. At the starting line, fill up a kid size pool with water. Place an empty kid size pool at the finish line.

**How to play:** Break up preteens in groups of five to compete in the challenge. One group at a time will compete in each round. Four group members are blindfolded and all are given three sponges to stuff in their shorts. The best way to stuff them is halfway sticking out. Players are to lock arms with each other and stay locked throughout the competition (except while in the pool). The middle player in the chain is not blindfolded and will act as the guide. On GO, the group runs to the kid sized pool by the starting line and soaks up as much water as possible in their sponges, which stay tucked in their shorts. And that means they have to roll in the pool to soak it up the water. You can allow them to break the chain while in the pool. From that point on, if the chain breaks players must stop and reconnect before continuing. Contestants then go through the zigzag path trying to retain as much water as possible in the sponges. Players who are not competing in the round are throwing dodge balls at the contestants as they’re traveling to the finish line. They are hoping to slow them down and knock out some of the water in the sponges. Once reaching the finish line, players squeeze out as much water out of the sponges into the pool. Sponges stay tucked in their shorts during squeeze time. Each group is given a time limit of 4 minutes. Players can take as many trips as desired back and forth from each pool within the time limit. When time is up, the referee pours all the water from the pool at the finish line into an empty bucket. When all groups have finished, measure who has the most water in their bucket and declare them the winning team.

**Tips:**

* Announce ahead of time for preteens to bring a bathing suit, towel and change of clothes.
* Girls should come prepared to wear shorts over their bathing suits to keep sponges in place.
* As an alternative way to play, don’t blindfold players.
* Warn players not to hit anyone in the head with the dodge balls.
* Award a prize to the winning team. An idea is a $5 gift certificate at a local ice-cream shop.

**GAME 2 – LAST MAN STANDING**

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This is **GAME 2** in a four part game series that will be posted on the website. Use individually or combine them together for a really cool preteen event. Just in time for back to school!

**Supplies:** Hundreds of small paper bags, large containers filled with water and orange cones. Use the orange cones to mark a huge square for the playing area. Set up large containers of water around the playing area with stacks of small paper bags scattered next to the containers.

**How to play:** Break up preteens into groups of five, just like in Game 1. All the groups get in the middle of the playing area. Have one leader stand at each side of the square ready to bomb preteens. On GO leaders fill up a paper bags with water, twist the top closed and throw it at preteens in the playing area. The bags will hold the water for a few seconds and act as a water bomb. It is much easier to make than water balloon bombs. When a preteen is hit, he or she then becomes a bomber. Continue playing till you get the last person standing and that person’s team wins the round. Play one round or several If time allows.

**GAME 3 – SWOOSH**

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**Supplies:** 5 inflatable swimming tubes, one 20 x 25ft of plastic sheeting, 12 plastic stakes, dishwashing soap, a hose, several cans of shaving cream and several bottles of maple syrup. Nail down the plastic sheeting with the plastic stakes. Hose it down with water and put lots of soap to make the surface slippery. Spread out the inflatable tubes and place them near the front edge of the plastic sheeting. Cover each tube with syrup and whipped cream. Replenish after each round.

**How to play:** Break up preteens into groups of five, just like in Game 1 & 2. If you’re doing all the games in one event, keep teams the same throughout. One team competes at a time. On GO, all five players run as fast as possible and jump on a tube sliding down the runway. Mark the distance of the player that slid the farthest for each team. The farthest distance represents the teams distance for the round. Whichever team has the farthest distance wins.

**GAME 4 – WATCH OUT**

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**Supplies:** (Set-up same as in game 3) One 20 x 25ft of plastic sheeting, 12 plastic stakes, dishwashing soap, a hose, and blindfolds. Nail down the plastic sheeting with the plastic stakes. Hose it down with water and put lots of soap to make the surface slippery.

**How to play:** Break up preteens into groups of five, just like in Game 1-3. If you’re doing all the games in one event, keep teams the same throughout. Teams sit down in a single file line facing the plastic tarp. The first player sits on the tarp with his legs crossed or kneeling while sitting on his legs. He is blindfolded. The player behind him stands up and on GO pushes him to the end of the tarp. He then pushes him back to the starting point. Next, they switch roles. The pusher is now pushed and vice versa. Continue with the next pair. Player #5 will be teamed up with a player who gets to go two times for his team. Allow teams to vote on a player to go twice. The team who finishes first wins.