

Wacky Olympics

Begin your event with a potluck barbecue. Have someone run in with a torch to light the grill! After eating, let the games begin. Then, with great pomp and circumstance, give ribbons to everyone at the end of the day.

WATER GAMES

Water Balloon Relays

- *Balance balloons on tennis rackets, and race to a turn-around line and back.
- *Have each team member race with a water balloon between his or her knees.
- *Form pairs. Place a water balloon between partners' waists, and challenge them to make their way to a line and back without breaking their balloon.
- *Each team has an empty 16-ounce bottle, a large sponge, and a bucket of water. Each player races 10 yards to the bottle and squeezes water from the sponge into the bottle. Players return to the line and repeat until their team's bottle is filled.

Squirt Bottle Games

Use empty dish detergent bottles for these games:

- *Squirt and Fill-Form two teams. Each team stands in a semi-circle and chooses one person to be "It." It holds a small plastic bowl. Everyone else gets a squirt bottle filled with water. On "go," each team squirts water into its bowl. The team with the fullest bowl wins.
- *Water balloon Volleyball - Use a regular volleyball net or tie a rope across an open area. Each side needs an old bed sheet – all members of your team hold onto the sheet. Use the sheet to catch the "volleyball" aka water balloon. Need to have a trash can full of water balloons ready. One team serves and play until someone doesn't catch the balloon. Then other team "serves".

TEAM GAMES

- *Wacky Volleyball-Use a regular volleyball net or tie a rope across an open area. Swish a trash bag in the air to fill it with air, then close it quickly and tie it with a twist-tie. Use the bag as a volleyball until it deflates, then refill.
- *Centipede Obstacle Course-Teams line up, and players place their hands on the waist of the person in front of them. The centipede maneuvers through these obstacles: walk along a 2x4 beam, step over a low fence, and duck under a limbo rod.

DECATHLON FOR FUN

Add these 10 wacky olympic events to your Summer Olympics:

Throwing Contests

Measure the distance that contestants throw:

- *Colored or labeled pingpong balls-two throws per person.
 - *Straws-two throws per person.
 - *Paper plates-two throws per person.
- Contestants race 10 yards, pick up a squirt gun, and extinguish a candle placed on a table 5 feet away.
- *Contestants race under tables and back.

Relays

- *Team members place their shoes in a pile. Then one at a time each teammate races to the shoes, puts his or her shoes on, and returns to the team.