

International Games

Catch the Dragon's Tail, *Taiwan*

Two single lines are formed with each person's hands on the shoulder of the person in front of him. Until the signal "GO" is given, the dragons must each remain in a straight line. The starter begins the countdown - "Em-Er-San-Ko!" or "1-2-3-GO!" The "fiery head" of each line then runs toward the "lashing tail" and tries to catch the last man. The whole dragon body must remain unbroken. If anyone lets go, the dragon's body is broken and the dragon dies. A new dragon must be formed with the head becoming the tail and the next in line having a turn at being the head. If, however, the head player touches the tail, he may continue to be the head.

Chef Manda (The Chief Orders), *Brazil*

One Cub Scout is the Chief and stands in front. When he says, "The Chief orders you to laugh," all other players must laugh. If he says, "He orders you to laugh," no one should laugh because all valid commands are prefaced by "The Chief". A player who does not obey proper orders is eliminated.

La Canasta (The Basket), *Brazil*

The players sit in a circle. Each is assigned the name of a different fruit. "IT" stands in the center and says, "I went to the market and bought some pears and grapes (or other fruit)." The players assigned the fruit "IT" mentioned try to change places while "IT" tries to sit down in one of their places. The one left standing is the next "IT".

Palito Verde (Green Stick), *Greece*

"IT" carries a green stick (a neckerchief may be substituted). The other players form a large circle, facing inward with their hands behind their back. "IT" travels around the circle and at some point he places the stick or neckerchief in the hands of a player. That player immediately races after "IT" around the circle. If "IT" is tagged before "IT" can get to the chaser's old place in the circle he remains "IT". If "IT" reaches the space safely the chaser becomes the new "IT".

SANTA TRIP

Players sit in a circle. The first player says, "On Christmas Eve, I'm traveling with Santa and I'm going to visit (name a place starting with an "A") and delivering a (name an object starting with "A")." The next player repeats the first place and object and adds a place and object beginning with "B". Continue the game through the alphabet alternating places and objects.

Snow Clothes Relay

Materials: Two outfits of outside clothing (i.e. coats, mittens, boots, snow pants, scarf, hat, etc.), two paper bags. (*Adult sized clothing makes this really funny*)

Directions: Place the clothing in two bags. One team member must run across the room put the clothes on in order of receiving them out of the bag. Then run across the room and take it all off, for the next player to put on. First team to have all players finish, wins the game.

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