CEREMONIES
JUNE

FOCUS
(A Scouter's Minute)

Notice on the first picture there is not much detail on the background, but lots of detail on the bear. All of that detail in the background is detracting.

On the second picture there is not much detail in the background and it is easier to see the bear.

In the same way, if you fill your life with too many things that are not important, it is hard to focus on the things that are important. It is better to focus on the things that are important to you and leave out some of the activities that are just time wasters, such as excessive television watching or too much time playing games. It is better to focus on doing the important things, such as helping around the house, doing things with your family, and doing your homework.

"A leader is best when people barely know he exists; not so good when people obey and acclaim him; worse when they despise him.

But he is a good leader who talks little. Then the work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, "We did it ourselves!"

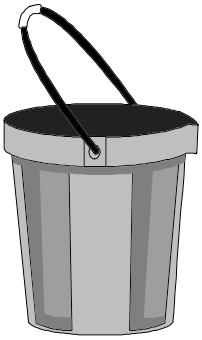
Lao-Tzu, 300 B.C.

From Ode to Good Old Mom

Understanding makes patience easy;
Duty, with love, is joy.
Persistence creates Grand Canyons
Or a great man from a boy.

Carol Shaw Lord

GAMES
JUNE #2



BUCKET LINE

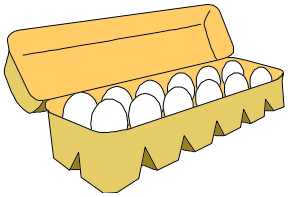
Materials: Two buckets full of water

Form two lines. Pass the buckets over your head and between your legs until it travels to the end of the line. Return the bucket to the front in the same manner; however, make sure that the bucket is opposite of how it traveled. i.e. if the boy passed it through his legs, it must go over his head.

EGG TOSS

Materials: Eggs, lots of them

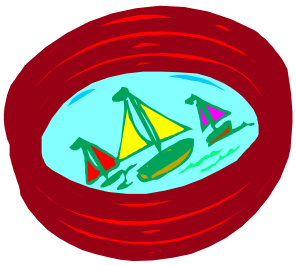
Pair off. Begin standing close and toss the egg back and forth. Each person must step back after one complete throw. The team that is the farthest apart and still has an unbroken egg wins. This game can also be played with water balloons.



WATER BALLOON SLINGSHOT CATCH

Materials: A sling shot made with surgical tubing,
A kiddy pool.
Water balloons

Object of the game is to shoot the water balloons toward the swimming pool. Boys work the sling shot, and two or more boys must catch the balloon with the swimming pool. Teams who catch the most unbroken balloons wins. (Be careful. The balloons go at a high rate of speed and can hurt boys if they get hit.)



GAMES
JUNE #3

WATER VOLLEYBALL

Materials
Volleyball net
Water balloons
towels

Object of the game: Boys pair off with one towel between them. A balloon is tossed, and must be caught and tossed over the net, caught in the towel, and returned.

HUMAN KNOT

Players form a close circle. Then, everybody reaches out and holds two other people's hands. Now, they must try to untangle the "knot" without letting go. They may have to climb over arms or crawl under arms. *It helps to be limber.*

ROPE MAZE

Materials: Lots of rope, two trees

Tie a maze of rope between two trees. Make sure there are plenty of openings in the rope. The boys must pass through, crawl over, or go under a hole in the maze. They must work together to get everyone to the other side. They may not go through the same opening twice.

DOGGY, DOGGY, WHERE'S YOUR BONE

A person plays the part of a dog. He sits on a chair with his back to everyone. An object is placed under the chair, which becomes the dog's bone. While the dog is turned around with his eyes closed, someone sneaks up, steals the bone, and hides it somewhere on his person. Then everyone chants, "Doggy, Doggy, where's your bone? Somebody's stole it from your home. Guess who, it might be you." The dog has three chances to guess who took it. Sometimes it was left under his chair. If the dog guesses right, then he gets to do it again. If he guesses wrong, then the person who has the bone gets a turn to be the dog.

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Materials Used in this Example

Lifeguard, Save my Child	Cub Scout Troop 498 Ambridge, Pennsylvania
Bucket Line	
Water Balloon Sling Shot Catch	
Save the Paper King	Well known child hood games
Egg Toss	
Water Volleyball	
Human Knot	Www.gameskidsplay.net
Rope Maze	
Doggy, Doggy Where's Your Bone	
Baby in the Air	

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