

Halloween Games and Activities



Ring-Around-a-Pumpkin



Fall's harvest provides the game pieces for this ring toss.

What you need: pumpkins, paint brushes, hula hoop

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Paint points on a series of pumpkins. Then arrange them in a line, the highest score farthest from the starting line.
2. Players stand on the starting line and try to toss a hula hoop around a pumpkin. Three tries for each child. The highest score wins.



Scavenger Hunt



Make a list (illustrate for non readers) of fun things you might see as you walk through your neighborhood.



Broom Dance Game



Create various movements to stump your competitor--just don't try to fly away.

HOW TO PLAY:

To start, the in-the-know participant takes a broom, clears her throat and then, dancing around, sings, "I can do a broom dance, broom dance, broom dance, I can do a broom dance, can you?" After her performance, she points to someone else, who must get up and try to do the broom dance, as well. After that player dances, the first dancer tells her whether she was successful. Chances are, the copycat will forget to mimic the one key action: No matter what your steps or hand gestures are, no broom dance is complete unless you clear your throat before you start.



Mummy Wrap Game



Twist your guests into a frightening frenzy with this simple game that has kids writhing with delight.

YOU WILL NEED: toilet paper and spooky music

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Divide the kids into teams of two and give each pair a roll of toilet paper. Instruct one member of each team to race to wrap his partner, mummy-style, at the sound of the music (play something devilish, such as "The Monster Mash"). Kids must use up the whole roll, avoiding the head and wrapping arms separately from the torso.
2. Once wrapped, the mummy hops to a finish line, holding his arms to his sides and trying not to break any of the wrapping.
3. Award the winning team, reverse partners' roles and then start again with fresh rolls of toilet paper.



Family Activity Ideas



- Rake leaves into pile. Fall together, tickle when you land.
- bob for apples
- Play with playdoh, cut out shapes with seasonal cookie cutters.
- Paint faces on pumpkins.
- Hide and Seek, the "seeker" wears a sheet and is a ghost.
- Use flashlight to make hand shadows on wall.
- Cook Halloween treats together.
- Make crafts together. Great simple ideas at familyfun.go.com (search under Halloween)
- Dance together
- Use blocks to build a "Haunted House"
- Toss a pumpkin.
- Spit pumpkin seeds.