
Grouping Activities

Anatomy Shuffle	Call a number and then a body part ("3–Elbows" means three players get together and touch elbows; "5–Fingers" means five players get together and touch fingers, etc.).
A-M or N-Z	Divide the boys according to the first letter of their first or last name. Use A-M and N-Z for two groups; A-H, I-Q, and R-Z for three groups, etc.
Birthdays	Find everyone with the same birth year, month, or day.
Close One Eye	Have all the players close one eye. Ask them to get with one or more of the other players (depending on the size of the groups you need) with the same eye closed.
Cross Arms	Tell the boys to cross their arms. All the boys with their right arm on top form one team, and all the boys with their left arm on top form the other team.
Gather By . . .	Ask the boys to form groups based on their favorite cold drink, color, sport, etc.
Hands	Ask the boys to find two people with the same size hands as theirs and do five push-ups.
Handshake Partners	Ask two players to create a special handshake. They remain partners all day.
Lace Fingers	Have all of the players lace their fingers together. All the boys with their right thumb on top form one team, and all the boys with their left thumb on top form another team.
Odd or Even	Ask the boys to raise a hand and display the number of fingers they desire. Then, ask them to partner with someone else so that the total number of fingers between the two is either odd or even.
One Leg Hop	Have the players hop on one leg. Ask them to find one or more boys hopping on the same leg (or opposite leg) to form groups.
Opposites	Give the boys two choices. For example, you might ask, "Are you more like a boot or tennis shoe?" Divide the boys into teams according to their answer.
Seasons	Ask the boys to form groups according to the season in which they were born.
Siblings	Form groups of boys according to the number of brothers and sisters they have.
Sit and Split	Have boys find a partner. Ask one boy to stand and the other to

sit. All of the standing boys go to one location, and the sitting boys remain.

Split the Clique

If you want to split up cliques, let the players form their own groups of four or five. Ask each group to count off from one to five. Then, form separate groups by having all of the "ones" go to one location, all the "twos" go to another location, and so on.

Toe-to-Toe

Say, "Toe-to-toe." Two players touch shoes to become a pair for the next game.

Thumb or Pinky

Tell players that on the count of three, they must lift either their thumb or little finger. Form two groups accordingly.

Vacations

Ask the boys which one of the following vacation spots they would most like to visit: Alaska, Hawaii, Africa, or Disney World. Ask them not to share their answer with anyone. Designate areas in your meeting room to represent each vacation spot. On the count of three, the boys go to the vacation spot they have selected. (Add additional vacation spots if more groups are needed.)

Whistle Mixer

If you need a select number of players in a group, blow your whistle that many times and have the players form groups accordingly.

Zoo Animals

Ask the boys to form groups of three and select a type of animal they want to be. Next, have the groups decide on the type of sound their animal makes. Explain that one of the players in each group will be the daddy, one will be the mommy, and one will be the baby. This will be their "zoo family" for the rest of the day or week. At any time during the day, the leader can call, "Zoo families!" When this happens, all the players start making their animal's sound while trying to locate the rest of their family. Each family needs to find a place to gather (a chair, stump, bleacher, etc.) With the family all together, the daddy sits first. Then, the mommy sits on the daddy's lap, and the baby sits on the mommy's lap. The last family to get settled in its place might have to pay a penalty (e.g., do something silly like singing aloud or holding hands and skipping in a circle).