

A vibrant blue background with a wavy pattern. In the top left, there's a stylized splash of water with a beach ball and a swimmer. In the top right, there are two white flowers with yellow centers. In the bottom left, there are two more white flowers with yellow centers. In the bottom right, there's a pattern of white dots. The text "Splash Into Summer With Water Olympics" is centered. "Splash Into" is in a bold, blue, rounded font with a white outline. "Summer" is in a large, white, bubbly font with a blue shadow. "With" is in a smaller, blue, cursive font. "Water Olympics" is in a bold, blue, rounded font with a white outline.

Splash Into

Summer
With

Water Olympics

Game #1

The Leaky Pitcher





The Leaky Pitcher

Supplies:

- 2 identical pitchers with holes drilled in the sides
- 2 identical clear plastic totes – with a "fill line" marked on the side. I use blue painter's tape to mark the fill line
- 2 folding chairs
- 2 kiddy pools
- 2 water hoses – hooked up and ready to spray kids as they run past

Preparation:

Hook up two water hoses.

Place two (or more) folding chairs side-by-side (10' apart) on one end of the playing area.

Place two (or more) kiddy pools on the opposite end of the playing area. (50' in length and spaced 10' between each pool)

Fill both pools with water

Select two (or more) identical clean plastic totes and mark a fill line (about halfway up) on each tote with blue painter's tape.



The Leaky Pitcher

Instructions:

Divide the children into two (or more) teams and have them form two (or more) rows (one behind the other).

Select one person from each team to sit in the two (or more) chairs. (Make sure to select children who does not mind water being poured over their head...you will see why later)

Place one plastic tote in the lap of each person selected

Hand a pitcher (with holes) to the first person in each line (each team).

The object of the game is to be the first team to fill their plastic tote (to the fill line)

The Leaky Pitcher

It's Time to Play:

On "GO" the first person will run to the pool, dip the leaky pitcher into the pool, and then place the leaky pitcher on top of their head.

They must run to the plastic tote, lean over, and pour the water into the tote (without taking the pitcher from their head)

They will then hand the pitcher to the next person in line, and that person repeats the steps.

Run to the pool, fill their pitcher, run back to the tote, bend over, and pour the water into the tote...repeat, repeat, repeat.



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The winning team will pick up their tote full of water and pour it onto the "chair" person's head.

The other team(s) will do the same.

New "chair" persons are selected, and the game continues until the kids get tired of playing. 2 or 3 rounds are usually sufficient, and then move on to the next game.

NOTE: HOOK UP TWO WATER HOSES AND HAVE TWO VOLUNTEERS SPRAY WATER ON THE KIDS AS THEY RUN BY...AND/OR THE KIDS STANDING IN LINE...TO COOL OFF! IT'S JUST ADDED FUN AND KEEPS THE KIDS COOL!



Game #2

Sponge Rally





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Supplies:

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4 volunteers

2 kiddie pools

Large Sponges (6–8 per team)

2 Identical clear plastic totes.

Blue Painters Tape

2 water hoses – hooked up and ready to spray kids as they run past

Preparation:

Fill two kiddie pools with water (Set the pools approximately 10 feet apart)

Toss in 6–8 Sponges into each pool

Using the painter's tape, mark an identical fill line on each tote. (Note: It will take longer to fill the totes, so you will want to use a smaller tote than you used with “The Leaky Pitcher” game.

Do a little practice before the event to determine where to place your tape. You want it to take a while to fill the tote, but not so long that the kids get tired of the game.

Place the two identical clear totes about 50’ from the two pools (10 feet apart)



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Instructions

Pair off into two teams (more if you have a large group)
Have the two teams line up, starting at the pool and spanning the distance from the pool to the clear tote at the opposite end. They will need to space out accordingly.

The first person will dip the sponge into the pool, toss it to the next person, who tosses it to the next person, etc.

The goal is to be the first team to fill their tote to the line first.

Once the first sponge is halfway down the line, the first person on each team dips a second sponge and tosses it down the line...repeat for all 6 sponges.

When the sponge reached the opposite end of the line, the last person will squeeze the water out of the sponge and into the clear tote.
The dry sponge will then be tossed back down the line to the pool end.

When the water reaches the fill line, a winner is declared.





Sponge Rally

Instructions

When the game is over, allow the last person (the squeezer) to pour the container of water over their own head. (Other kids on his/her team can participate in the pouring)

Note: It is good to have volunteers at both ends of the playing field to make sure the sponges keep moving, and to declare a winner

NOTE: HOOK UP TWO WATER HOSES AND HAVE VOLUNTEERS LIGHTLY SPRAY /MIST THE KIDS TO KEEP THEM COOL. THEY WILL ALREADY BE GETTING WET WITH THE SPONGES HOWEVER GIVING THEM A LIGHT SPRAY/MIST KEEPS THEM COOL ON A HOT DAY!



Game #3 Wet Head





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Supplies:

2 plastic water bottles

2 small paper cups (Small paper bathroom drink cups)

2 sand pails

2 pair of goggles

2 water hoses – hooked up and ready to spray kids as they run past

Preparation:

Gather Supplies

Fill the two sand pails with water (1 for each team)

Mark off your start and finish line and set one pail full of water at one end of each line. (10–15' from the play area)



Wet Head

Instructions

Pair off into teams (2)

One person from each team is selected to lie on the ground (with goggles on) and hold a plastic water bottle on their forehead. The first person on each team runs to the pail with their small paper cup, dips the cup into the water, and runs back to the person lying on the ground.

They pour their cup of water into the bottle and hand off the cup to the next person in line.

Play continues until one of the bottles is full and a winner has been declared.

The person lying on the ground can now pour the bottle of water over their head.

The game continues with a second round, etc., until kids are tired of the game or until everyone has had a chance to hold the bottle on their head.

Wet Head



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If you choose, the game can automatically continue. Once the first bottle is full and the child has poured the water over their head, they will pass the bottle off to the next person, who quickly puts the goggles on, lies down, and places the bottle on their head. Once everyone on the team has completed the task, a winner is declared.

Note: Hook up two water hoses and spray the children as they run back and forth to the pail... or spray/mist the kids while they stand in line waiting for their turn.



Game #4 Water Toss



Water Toss

Supplies:

Quart-size Zip-lock baggies

Water

2 water hoses (to mist/spray the children as they play.)

Preparation:

Gather Supplies

Fill the baggie half-full of water (1 per every 2 children)

Secure bags

Note: You can use balloons; however, they pop much more quickly when dropped.



Water Toss

Instructions

Have each child select a partner.

Form two lines with partners standing across from each other.

Toss the baggie back and forth. If the baggie is dropped, pick it up and continue.

If the baggie breaks, the team is out.



Game #5

There's A Hole In My Bucket



An illustration on the left side of the slide shows a bucket pouring water into a stream that flows across the top left. A beach ball is also visible in the water.

There's A Hole In My Bucket

Supplies:

2 sand buckets with holes drilled into the sides

2 kiddie pools filled with water

2 Identical 5-gallon buckets with a fill line marked.

2 water hoses – hooked up and ready to spray kids as they run past...optional... but adds lots of fun!

Set up

Place the two pools side by side (10' apart) and fill them with water.

On the opposite end of the playing field (50'), set the two 5-gallon buckets (10' apart)

There's A Hole In My Bucket



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Divide into two teams

Line the teams up, spanning the distance between the pool and the tote at the opposite end. They may have to spread out a little, or you may have to shorten your playing field if you do not have enough kids.

The first person dips the pitcher into the pool, fills it with water, and hands it to the next person, who hands it to the third, etc.

Once the bucket reaches the end of the line, the last person pours the bucket of water into the 5-gallon bucket, then passes it back down the line.

The children have to pass the bucket fast before all of the water leaks out!

The first team to overflow their 5-gallon bucket wins.

Don't waste the water...let the children pick up the bucket and pour it over someone's head!

Note: Have two hoses hooked up with volunteers spraying/misting the children as they play.

This will keep them cooled off...even though they will get wet while playing the game.



Game #6

The Human Table



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Supplies:

1 solo cup per child (any plastic cups will do)

Water hose

Bucket/kiddie pool filled with water

Whistle

Watch or a stopwatch...anything to keep track of time

Divide into teams

Select one person from each team to be "the table"



The Human Table

“The table” will get down on their hands and knees and form a table.
Making their back as flat as possible.

Team members will run to the kiddie pool/bucket, fill their cups with water, and strategically place them on “the tables” back.
The object is to see how many cups of water they can balance on their “table” at one time.

If the cup falls, they must pick it up, refill it, and try again.

Set a time limit. (3–5 minutes is a good time)

When the time expires, the team with the most cups of water wins.

Switch around and play again until the children tire of the game.

Hook up 2 water hoses and have volunteers spray/mist the kids as they play...but not interfere with the game.



Game #7

Frosty Toes



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Supplies

Kiddie pool

Ice Cubes

Several Folding Chairs

Cooler for the ice cubes

Optional: If you choose, you can freeze a huge ice block, and the children can either put their toes on the ice block or try to sit on it for 1 minute!

Instructions:

Fill the kiddie pool with water

Pour ice cubes into a pool.

Children will sit in the folding chairs with their feet in the pool.

Children will attempt to pick up the ice cubes with their feet.

1-minute rounds.

The child or team (if you play teams) with the most ice cubes wins.



Game #8

Sink or Swim



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Supplies: Ping Pong Balls (1 per team)
Sand Bucket (1 per team)
8-oz cup (1 per child), Kiddie Pool full of water.

Instructions

Fill the kiddie pool(s) at one end of the playing field.

Place the sand buckets (1 per team) at the opposite end of the playing field.

Place a ping-pong ball inside each bucket.

Divide the kids into two teams and have them stand in a row behind their bucket.

Give each child a cup.

Have the children race back and forth to the swimming pool, filling their cups and then racing to pour water into their bucket.

You can have the children run one at a time or have the entire team running back and forth.

Goal: Fill the bucket with enough water to cause the ping pong ball to fall out of the bucket.

First ping pong ball on the ground wins!

Note: Set up two water hoses and have volunteers spray/mist the children as they run past and to keep the kiddie pool full of water for each game.



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