

The Hunger Games Programming Ideas

Animal Tracks

Identifying animal tracks is a wildlife tracking skill that is useful in hunting and avoiding predators. Create a game that allows participants to identify animal tracks. This can also be included in a survival game.

Archery

You can do this in the library with a Nerf Bow and Arrow. Participants can shoot at targets from variable distances as well as through obstacles that can be made out of cardboard. You can also make bows and arrows using coat hangers, twigs from trees and strings. You can shoot straws with these.

Birdwatching

Check with your local Conservation Department and learn to identify birds. There are also a variety of games you can create including a matching game, a name that bird game and so on.

Book Covers/Movie Posters/Banners/Button

Have participants design book covers, movie posters, banners, and buttons. You can make this into a contest or crafting session.

Book Discussions

This is one of the best things about the Hunger Games – all generations can discuss the books. We would certainly suggest some multi-generational discussions.

Cornucopia

In the *Hunger Games* the Cornucopia holds the treasures needed for survival and food. Prepare a designated space with food and/or craft supplies. Give the participants a designated amount of time to gather from the Cornucopia, bring the items back and see what survival and/or food items they can create from them

Cupcake Decorating

Provide undecorated cupcakes and a variety of icing and sprinkles to see what wonderful creations the participants can make.

Edible Plant Game

Give each participant a two-sided sign. One side says “EAT IT” the other side says “AVOID IT”. Prepare flash cards with a variety of edible and non-edible plants on them. As you hold up the flash cards, the participants hold up their card. If they are wrong, they are eliminated. Other resources would be your local Conservation Department.

Face Painting/Camouflage/Body Painting/Tattoos

Set out a variety of paints/henna and let the teens either paint their face in camouflage to blend in the woods, or to blend in as a resident of the capital. The girls will perhaps be more attracted to the fun colors of the Capital face paints

Hide and Seek

One person hides and everyone seeks them out. When you find the hiding teen you join them in their hiding space. The last teen to find the group is the last man out.

Historical Events

The *Hunger Games* provides an opportunity to compare and contrast historical events including:

- study of Western Civilization (Ancient Greek/Roman history)
- Slavery
- revolutions/rebellions
- genocide
- the Holocaust
- war,
- the child soldier's in Uganda
- opening ceremonies
- Karl Marx wrote in *The Communist Manifesto*, "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." Discuss this statement as it applies to the society and government

Knot Tying

Participants practice on tying a variety of different knots. You can purchase the Knot So Fast game for \$19.95. Also, Boy Scout books have all the knot tying techniques in them. You could make this available to Scouts to help with their scouting badge.

Mockingjay Pin

Get creative and provide the resources for teens to make their own pin.

Obstacle Course

Create an obstacle course indoors. Here are just a few ideas:

- Walk the river by following a rope or garden hose
- Go through a kids "pop up tunnel" or a large box
- Lay a broomstick or yardstick across two chairs and go under it
- Army crawl across a blanket or sheet
- Make a line of hula hoops and jump from one hoop to the other
- Jump over soft pool noodles – the long Styrofoam type
- Throw bean bags into a laundry basket
- Toss paper plate rings (center cut out) onto a water bottle
- Walk backwards
- Create a slalom course of cones, or shoes or something similar

Paracord Bracelet

The paracord bracelet is a survival kit that can be used in the outdoors. Although it is generally made of paracord you can use yarn or heavy string to simulate it. There are all kinds of instructions on how to make one on the web. Just Google "paracord bracelet." One good site is: <http://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/paracord-bracelet.html>

Promo

Have participants create their own recorded promo for the upcoming movie.

Scavenger Hunt

Create a scavenger hunt in the library for the participants to use their tracking skills to search it out. You can make it fun by:

- Dividing into teams so they work together
- Create a list of items to find and apply point values to them

Shelter Building

What to do with empty cardboard boxes, a roll of duct tape, broken CD cases, paper rolls, etc? Give each team a box of random supplies and see if they can build a shelter like a lean-to.

Survival Games

Scholastic.com also has HG survival games online that you can play via computer and overhead projector. <http://www.scholastic.com/thehungergames/games/index.htm>.

Tracker Jacker Game

Provide stickers for the participants. Mark off an area (with ribbon or chalk). Split up into two teams with two different colors of stickers. Once the game begins, the participants put stickers on as many people from the other team as possible in the ring that they can while avoiding having stickers put on themselves. The stickers represent being "hit". Count the stickers on each team – the team who put the most tracker jacker stickers on the other team wins.

Tribute Costumes

Have participants come dressed ready to kick off the Hunger Games pageant style and award a prize for the best dressed. Or you can give your participants a bunch of old craft supplies, and they have to create a costume like one member of their team to compete in a fashion competition.

Trivia

There are all types of *Hunger Games* trivia games on the web. Attached are some sample trivia questions you can use.