

SPARK Holiday Games

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Battle of the Poles Tag

Grades 3 - 6

Ready

- 9 Cones to Create a Grid
- Tossables (e.g., Balls, Koosh balls, Beanbags, etc.)
- 8 Pinnies (For Toy Protector Elves; 2 per grid)
- 5 Hula Hoops
- Fitness Skill Cards (SPARKfamily.org)
- Music (optional)

Set

- Create 4 Grids (30 x 20 paces) in activity area (or use basketball court).
- Create a Workshop Area in the center using a Hula Hoop, Place all of the Tossables in this area.
- Divide students evenly in the grids.
- Select 2 players in each grid to be the Toy Protector Elves, each wearing a pinnie.
- Play holiday music (optional)

GO!

1. Today's activity is *Battle of the Poles Tag*. In this game, the Elves from the South Pole are angry that the North Pole gets all the credit for making all the presents.
2. The object is for the North Pole elves to protect their respective workshop and tag the South Pole elves before they take the toys from the workshop.
3. When the music starts (or on start signal), the South Pole elves will try to take a toy (tossable) from the central workshop and bring it back to their sleigh on the edge of their grid area.
4. When tagged, move outside the grid area. To get back in the game, complete a loop around the playing area and complete a Fitness Skill Card activity.
5. **Challenges**
 - Add a third North Pole Elf, who can retrieve the items from the perimeter.
 - Assign point values to the various tossables and keep score for each grid.
 - Exchange tossables with letter cutouts and have elves spell out holiday vocabulary words.

Safety First

- Be sure to travel safely in general space, watching for others around you.

Did you know?

Just like the South Pole, the North Pole goes for months each summer with constant daylight and months each winter with no daylight. When it's summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere; when it's winter in the Northern Hemisphere, it's summer in the Southern Hemisphere.