

# COOPERATIVE GAMES PROGRAM INFORMATION



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1. Cooperative games are activities where participants work with each other in a fun, playful atmosphere. They value:
  - Cooperation over competition
  - Creativity over aggression
  - Participation over exclusion
2. The purpose of cooperative games is participation – to get as many people as possible participating. The interests of the players are more important than the outcome of the game.
3. These games should help children develop desirable behaviors including concern for others, sharing, respect for others' rights and feelings, and self discipline.
4. These types of games are not a replacement for sports. They are meant to complement sports as another, and perhaps more effective, vehicle for participation.
5. Cooperative games help all participants to be accepted and experience a moderate degree of success.

Cooperative games promote positive social interaction among participants. They can be used as "ice-breakers" or to introduce in a playful way the meaning and value of cooperation. They may also be used to foster a cooperative atmosphere as a lead-in to another activity requiring students to work together productively.

Cooperative games are easy to use because they are so adaptable. They can be selected or modified according to numbers of participants, the level of activity required, and the location. They require little or no equipment.

**Important Information:**

- Please come dressed for the weather with inside and outside shoes. Activities are both indoor and outdoor but under extreme weather conditions can be modified to all be indoor.
- Games can be modified to suit the age level of the students
- We recommend bringing 2-3 adult volunteers in addition to the classroom teachers
- This program can either run as a full day program from 9:30-2:30, as a half day program in either the morning or the afternoon, or be combined with orienteering, animal survival or initiative tasks to make a full day program

**Consultation with the Bennett Instructor upon your arrival as to your objectives for the program is important.**

If you require further information or wish to plan your program ahead of time please phone 780-468-1439.