

Josh

Rosh Edah \* S'ganim

Also, I recently  
got a listing  
of activities  
Done at  
Berkshire!

Enclosed are some getting to know you, time filler ideas for the first few days.

As you come up with more ideas Please pass them onto me - either through inter-camp mail, my office - Top floor of 2720, first door on the right or my room 28-4. I will pass them onto others.

If anyone wants to do the puzzle game or nuts + screws let me know by the end of lunch and I will try to laminate יִסְדֵּם (le'nylon) them.

- ① Please get into the practice of passing all programs your edah does my way, so they can be passed onto others and saved for future years
- ② Please let me know what programming topics you would like to do so that I can collect materials for you - programs, texts, laminate materials etc.
- ③ I am leaving this afternoon, but will be back on Thursday and then I will be here for the rest of the summer, but in the meantime, my materials are here and you can ask Bruce for help.
- ④ Also enclosed is "going up the conflict Escalator" something I got from Beth a few years ago which is the most useful piece of paper I received at camp. Share with your staff
- ⑤ Let me know if these kinds of handouts are helpful and if so, what topics you would like.

Deborah  
Bramberg-Seltzer

Some getting to know you ideas: (and other short games)

with most of these games once they are in small groups or pairs give them a question to discuss or a task to do

Truth or lie

String game

shoe game #1 - each take off a shoe - find who it belongs

shoe game #2 - more like musical chairs - everyone but one person takes off shoes to act as marker (you can use a different marker to be safer) in a circle. One person stands in middle and makes a statement about him/herself. Any one who falls into that category needs to get up and find a new spot. One person is left in the middle who then makes a statement about him/herself

human bingo

puzzle - cut up a few <sup>different</sup> pictures into puzzle pieces (enough pieces for everyone to have one piece). Give each person one piece. The task is to find the rest of your puzzle and put it together. (with a large 298 you might ~~not~~ want to divide the group in half or thirds to make it a little easier). After they have put the puzzle together ask them how the picture relates to camp. (This works especially well when the picture has nothing to do with camp)

nuts + screws - any kind of matching game. One type is to make index cards and tape them to people's backs they need to ask 20 questions type questions to figure out what they are and then find their pair. Examples: Micky/minnie  
joe/side green eggs/ham

huggy bear - need to quickly get in groups of the # yelled out.  
example: yell "5" - everyone scrambles to get into groups of five.

Telephone

word association Telephone

m + m game

buddy board - A-side, ask Mike

going on a picnic and I'm going to bring ... (or I'm going to)

human knot

To tell a story - start a story each person adds a sentence  
also fun to tape record these to play on rainy days.

freeze / acting story

~~every game~~

Geography Game - start with one location, need to think of a place that begins with the letter the other ended with

example: Alaska → Albany → Yakutat → Kansas

Hand Games

Animal noises - give each person an animal as they enter the room can only make that animal noise until they find the whole group. Example: pig - oink

Tag games

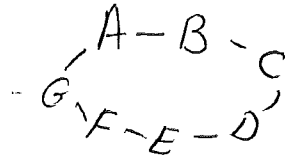
Name game - like going on a picnic, but repeat all names said up until that point

Killer

Either or

4-Way Balloon Bust Up - Each team collects balloons of their color while trying to eliminate other teams balloons

Cooperative snacking - Good for a 8:30, put out materials for snack (especially good with drinks also). Place all materials in the center tie everyone's wrists together. Once this is done they may start trying to distribute and eat snack.



Group juggling - need to toss a ball to another person by yelling that person's name first (can't toss it to someone who has already had it) see how many tries it takes to be able to do it. How quickly can you do it. Add more balls.

Tasks - line up without talking in Birthday order  
Alphabetical order  
height