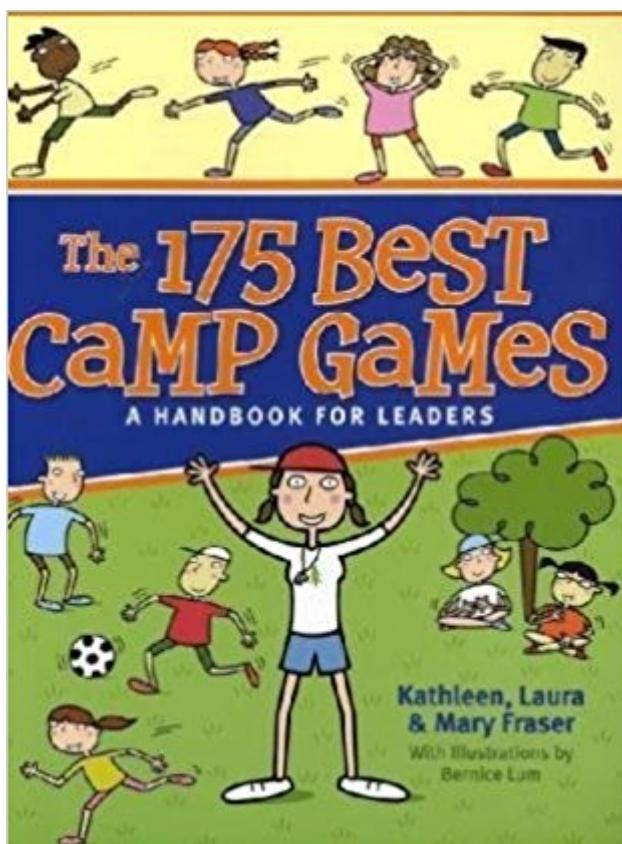


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# The 175 Best Camp Games: A Handbook For Leaders



## **Synopsis**

Games for kids 4 to 16, plus tips on keeping them fun and fair for all participants. Camp games are meant to be fun. Here are the very best camp-tested games for boys and girls aged 4 to 16, with easy-to-follow instructions and illustrations. The Frasers include indoor and outdoor games for both small and large groups, with some old favorites and lots of new, soon-to-be favorites. The 175 Best Camp Games also includes advice on: Choosing the right game for the situation Starting and ending games Dealing with rule breakers Modifying games for varied abilities Assuring safety and good supervision. This practical guide is easy to use, and the more than 175 games are divided into five chapters: Break the Ice (Name Dropping, Life Raft) Taking It Easy (Speed Rabbit, Electricity) Getting Them Moving (Soh Koh No, Kitty Wants a Corner) Running Them Ragged (Pairs Tag, Fox in the Henhouse) Wet and Wild (Battleship, Sharks and Mermaids). Though written with camp leaders in mind, this book will appeal to youth activity directors, counselors, counselors-in-training, coaches, scout leaders, parents, teachers and any other adult looking for creative group activities for youth that include all participants and require little or no special equipment.

## **Book Information**

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Three former campers, leaders and now full-fledged teachers have compiled a treasure-trove of games and activities suitable for children in early-elementary through upper-middle school grades [and] appropriate for a number of situations, from schoolyard play to gyms, backyards and community centers.... Clear, easy-to-follow instructions include number of players, equipment and game plan, augmented by Lum's humorous cartoon illustrations and completed with extra hints and

tips for leaders in sidebar-style notations. Tips range from "modifying for abilities" to "peaking games," in which suggestions are given for ending on a high note before kids get bored or frustrated.... A great resource. (Kirkus Reviews 2009-10-15)The games in this book run the gamut of camp requirements. Some are perfect for breaking the ice among new campers. Others are run-them-ragged games, designed to tire the participants. Still others are designed to let everybody win. There is advice for dealing with rule breakers and for keeping things fun, fair and safe.... This book would be great for camp leaders, counselors-in-training and anyone looking for creative group activities that require little or no special equipment. (Brenda Hoerle Guelph Mercury/Waterloo Region Record 2010-02-27)Anyone who is faced with the challenge of keeping a group of children entertained knows the value of a great game. A game can stimulate children physically and mentally, provide social interaction, teach new skills and most importantly be a lot of fun. But if you find yourself relying on distant memories of your own childhood games then this book will be a big help. There are plenty of games to choose from; some may be familiar, like I Spy or Blind Man's Bluff, but for most people this will be a wealth of new activities. (Terry Peters North Shore News 2010-01-03)The purpose of this book is to gather and describe all the best camp games under one cover... The authors collectively have many years of experience as campers, camp leaders and eventually teachers. This is evident in the variety of games they present as well as in the way the information is presented. The handbook is very well organized and easy to understand...

Instructions are presented clearly.... One of the best features of the handbook is the Tips for Leaders which...include dealing with rulebreakers, pros and cons of elimination games, and ways to modify games.... The illustrations are a great supplement to the instructions...The illustrator clearly made an effort to include children of many different races, sizes and abilities in her illustrations. The 175 Best Camp Games would be a valuable resource to not only camp counsellors, but anyone who works with young people. Parents, teachers, recreation leaders, and childcare providers would likely find many uses for the wide array of games described in this handbook. (Claire Perrin Canadian Materials 2010-04-16)This Canadian book is a treasure trove of ideas and a great resource for summer fun. (North Bay Nugget 2010-07-17)This is a perfect resource for any group leader, camp counselor, recreation director or parent interested in being active with young adults..... possibly one of the best resources for camp or after-school leaders in print. (Green Teacher)This book is a treasure trove of ideas and a great resource for summer fun. (North Bay Nugget 2010-07-17)For the first-time counsellor, knowing how to engage campers can seem a daunting task, but with a little guidance and creativity, games can not only entertain children, they can set a group tone for the counsellor, as well. (Calgary Sun 2015-04-15)

Laura and Mary Fraser are accredited teachers who spent a combined 16 years as camp leaders and activity program directors. Kathleen Fraser is an editor, writer and the parent of grown campers and camp leaders. The Frasers live in Mississauga, Canada. Bernice Lum is an award-winning artist and illustrator of 40 books, including 3 Little Firefighters, Mighty Maddle and Stuff to Hold Your Stuff.

I'm a program director for a week-long youth camp each summer, and this is one of the best resources I have for large group games. Number of players and equipment needed are listed first for each game, and the games are sorted into categories from "take it easy" to "run them ragged."

Love this book. Games are classified according to level of activity and number of participants. It includes games for around the campfire, night games, water games, large and small group games. Great resource for our American Heritage Girls Troop. We will be using it for years to come.

Lots of fun ideas for camp games. A bit young for the age group I was specifically looking to entertain, but the ideas are adaptable and, hey, fun is fun.

I bought this book to find activity ideas I might adapt for (adult) leadership training programs as well as games for kids. It did not disappoint. The authors offer a wide variety of engaging activities and explain them all clearly. I have been able to adapt a few for adults. My daughter is soon off to be an RA at a summer sleep-away camp for kids 8-12, and she is taking the book with her.

I bought this book almost by accident - I was looking for play activities for adults - but it's become a favorite resource for group activities. Its geared to kids and great for kids, it's just as good for adults. A couple quick things: Many of the games are easy to play and easy to explain. There aren't lots of complex rules. You can adapt the games to your space and group size very easily as well. Most of the games are quick and easy to play but you can adjust them so you can play longer or do multiple rounds. I know it is entitled "camp games" but I've used them in weekday youth groups, adults seminars and even workplace settings. They get people up and moving and talking and laughing.

This book is great for our weekly 6th grade team building activities, and it is invaluable in preparing for 6th grade camp. I love how it is divided by levels of activity. So useful since sometimes we are

relegated to the gym instead of the school grounds for activities. Sometimes we even have to stay in a classroom. There is something for any setting and any goal.

I am a Brownie Leader who saw this book being used at meetings. The girls really enjoyed the games. I bought a copy for myself and found the descriptions of the games easy to read and clear enough that I could picture how the game would actually work.. The quick notes and hints are really valuable as sometimes a game will fall flat and the hints will bring it back.

I checked out this book so many times from the library I had to have a copy of my own. Great resource for games of all energy levels and themes. Lots of wonderful tips for dealing with groups both large and small. Well written, organized and lots of variety. Thank you!

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