

Batter Up!:

The Baseball Game

Depending on the size of your group you will divide into 2 to 4 teams. If your group is very large you may need to adjust the number of teams. Try to stick with less than 15 members per team.

1. The week before the game is to begin put the names of all the members who wish to play into a hat. Put the names of the KOPS on different colored paper so that you can be sure to divide them up equally. It wouldn't be fair for all the KOPS to be on the same team.

2. Pick names from the hat in alternating order to fill up the teams. Have someone list the names in the order that they are chosen.

3. Entry fee for the game can be anything. Have each player bring in paper products, lottery tickets, non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, etc. They should bring one item for each team that you have (ex: if you have two teams, each player brings 2 items.)

At the end of the game, each member of the winning team receives double the amount of stuff they brought in.

4. In some chapters, the players actually run the bases and play the game. The contest coordinator makes large poster board "team rosters" and make square bases that you can tape to the floor.

5. Decide which team will be "up" first and play following these rules.

TOPS MOVES AS FOLLOWS:

1 base for each 1/4 pound lost (ex: 3 pounds lost=12 bases=3 runs)

1 ball for a turtle (4 balls = one base)

1 strike if next member in line is not present (3 strikes equal one out)

1 out for a gain (3 outs= end of inning)

KOPS MOVES AS FOLLOWS:

4 bases for below goal

3 bases for at goal

2 bases for in leeway

1 out for out of leeway

Each member gets a chance to be up UNTIL 3 outs are made. The next week, you begin with the person who would have been up next. We ran the game for 9 weeks to represent 9 innings.

EACH TEAM CAN RECEIVE EXTRA'S AS FOLLOWS:

Team with the best loser of the week--1 home run

If all members of the team weigh in--1 home run

If all weighing in members bring a calorie chart--1 home run

This is our best contest because it gets everyone working together. They write to their team members, call and remind them to bring a calorie sheet and stand on the "sidelines" and cheer as each person "runs".