



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON**

5 FUN BACKYARD GAMES

Keep your kids occupied with
these simple but fun games!

Balloon Relay

Fill up a few water balloons and get ready to giggle. Line up the tot lot Madeline-style (that's two straight lines), before handing each line leader a balloon and having them place it securely between their knees. Then it's time to start the game! Players pass the balloon, knees-to-knees, down the row until it reaches the finish. It doesn't get easier than that!

Monkey Around.

Building on the “tag, you’re it!” theme, Monkey Tails is a silly variation that gets the whole crew involved in the chase. Simply tuck tails (socks or even dad’s ties make great ones) into the monkeys’ waistbands, then send everyone off, ducking, dodging and running wild, in an effort to keep their tails from being nabbed by another player. The last player with a tail wins. Then it’s off to bed for your little monkey.

Play Blind-Man’s Bluff

This classic game is like thinking-man’s tag or a slow-mo version of it anyway. And it’s the perfect pace for grandparents to get in on the fun. All you need is a blindfold and a few players to start. Put the blindfold on the Seeker; then spin her around a few times while the other players scatter. Now it’s time to seek. Using her keen other senses, the Sseeker tries to tag the scattered players who are rooted in place. Sure, they can duck and dodge her outstretched arms, but they can’t move their feet. It’s a giggle-worthy game everyone can play!

Statue & Tourist

Perfect for a forested glen or even indoors as the light is fading (or in a dark room). One player is the “tourist” who is viewing the amazing statue garden. They get a flashlight. All the other players must stay as still as a statue: they are allowed to move when the light is off, but as soon as the tourist turns the flashlight on they must stay still. When the flashlight is on the statue, the tourist tries to make the statue giggle or wiggle. If they do, they join the tourist’s team and go tour for the next statue.

Fabric Tag

Transform the typical game of tag into a free-for-all (this one works best with older kiddos). The twist? They’re all “it.” To play, hand out pieces of fabric to your crew to tuck in along their waistline. Then let the great chase begin! Players tag each other by snagging fabric, while simultaneously guarding their own until one player is left standing. It’s a wild romp they’ll want to play over and over again.