



5 EASY GAMES

TO MAKE YOUR SUMMER COOKOUT A BLAST!

GIANT JENGA

Go to your local home store and buy (4) 2" x 4" x 12' boards. Lay the boards down and measure 10½ inches per block. Cut using a power saw or handsaw. When completed, you should have 54 blocks. Sand and smooth out the splintered edges. When setting up the tower, lay down three blocks side by side. Place the second row of three blocks on top moving across the first row. Continue to stack until your tower reaches 18 rows. Now it's time to play! Players or teams take turns pulling out blocks. The one who does not cause the tower to fall is the winner!

BACKYARD LAWN BOWLING

No regulation lawn bowling equipment? No problem! Take a tennis, golf or lacrosse ball and roll it out as the target ball or "jack". Then use baseballs or softballs as your bowls. Make colored markings to signify each team. Take turns bowling trying to get as close to the jack as possible. It is possible for the jack to move positions after being hit. When all of the bowls are completed, count up all of the "shots." Shots are all bowls that are closer than your opponents. Only the team or player that is closest to the jack will score each round. Choose a certain amount of rounds to play. The highest score wins.

FRISBEE SHARP SHOOTING

Set up empty soda cans or bottles on a bench, chair, wall or table. Give each other a certain number of throws to see how many each player can knock off. Make it competitive by keeping score or just have fun.

KAN JAM

There will be two teams of two. Get two buckets or trash cans (same size) and place them 50 feet apart. Teammates will stand at opposite buckets. The first player on a particular team will throw a Frisbee toward the bucket on the other side where their teammate stands. They can score in three ways. If their teammate smacks the Frisbee down into the bucket, it is 3 points. If the Frisbee hits the exterior of the bucket without being touched, they score 2 points. If their teammate deflects (not smacking down) the Frisbee into the bucket, it is 1 point. If a player lands the Frisbee into the bucket without being touched by a teammate, it is an automatic win. Teams play to 21 while rotating turns.

BALLOON STOMP

Blow up enough balloons for each person to have two. Tie a two foot long string to the end of each balloon. Pass out the balloons (2 per person) and have everyone tie the strings of the individual balloons around their ankles. The object of the game is to stomp out other people's balloons while keeping yours intact. When everyone is ready say, "Go" and play!