

HERDING CATS TRY THIS ONE: GAME

(Especially good for junior highers)

Junior highers become cat wranglers in this high-energy game.

For this game, you'll need to set up a racetrack in a long hallway that has one or two turns. Each player will need a foam pool noodle and several balloons.

Have your group form three or four teams of wranglers. Assign each team a balloon color, and have teams inflate three balloons for each person. Give wranglers pool noodles and have them all line up at the starting line. Tell teams that the balloons are cats, and each team needs to

herd its cats to the stockyards. Cats can't be touched or kicked—they can only be guided by the pool noodle.

When you say "go," all teams herd at the same time and use the pool noodles to sweep the balloons through the racetrack. You can place obstacles throughout the track, such as strobe lights and fans for a "prairie storm" or scattered chairs as briar patches. Place a large tub on its side at the end of the track; the first team to herd all its cats into the tub wins.

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