

Carnival Games

Black Hole Bean Bag Toss

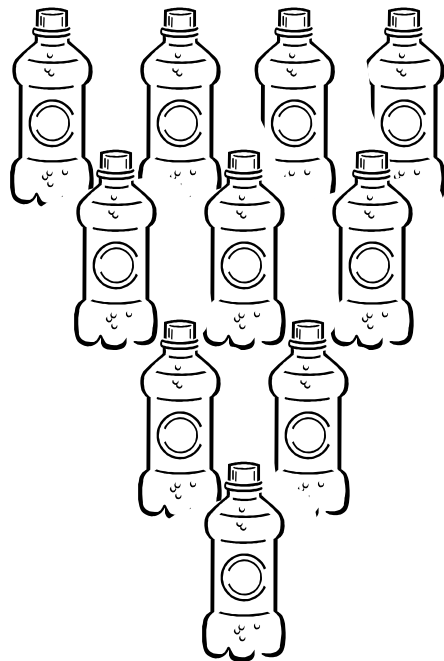
Equipment: large refrigerator box, 5 beanbags

Cut one side completely out of the refrigerator box. On the opposite side cut five holes of varying sizes. Paint the box in bright colours to reflect a chosen theme (Animals, Circus, Adventure and Jungle work well). One fun theme you can use is Planets and Spaceships. You can add black lights to the room with neon figures hanging from the ceiling. Try adding a tape or CD playing in the background with space sounds or music that suggests space. The more added touches to each room the more interesting your carnival will be. Each player will be given three beanbags to throw through a black hole. Each hole can be assigned difficulty points, and small prizes awarded when different scores achieved.

Kick-Bowling Game

Equipment: 10 empty 2-litre soft-drink bottles, sand, coloured paint, small soccer ball

Pour approximately one cup of sand into each soft-drink bottle, and secure the lid with masking tape. Decorate the bottles with patterned contact paper or acrylic paint. Set up the soft-drink bottles in a traditional triangle layout (shown here). Place a marker on the ground about four metres away. Each child can place the ball on the marker and, without a run-off, kick the ball towards the soft-drink bottles to try to knock them down. As in traditional bowling, they may have two attempts to knock down all the bottles standing before the bottles are assembled again for the next player.



Hula-Hoop Toss

Equipment: 5 hula-hoops, rope, small footballs/flying discs

Hang hula hoops from the branches of a large tree or climbing frame so that they hang about one metre off the ground. Each student takes turns trying to throw a ball/disc through one of the hoops. To increase difficulty for older children, swing the hoops to create a moving target.