

Duck Duck Goose

This simple game is a must for pre school kids. Group the kids in a circle and have them sit down. One kid will go around the circle taping on the heads of the other kids saying “duck”, “duck”, and when he decides to pick someone he says “goose”. The kid will then run around the circle once trying to get to the vacant spot that was created by the Goose! If he gets tagged by the goose he sits in the mush pit (the middle) for 3 turns. If the goose does not catch the first kid, he becomes the next head taper.

Pool Noodle Swat

This game is similar to Duck, Duck, Goose, but the person who is "It" works from inside the circle. Cut a foam pool noodle into two pieces and use one half as a swatter.

Players take their seats in a large circle of chairs with one chair sitting in the middle. The person chosen to be "It" starts the game by walking around the inside of the circle and swatting a seated player on the arm. Now the game kicks into high gear as "It" runs to the middle of the circle, drops the swatter on the chair, and races back to sit in the vacant chair that once belonged to the newly swatted player. "It" must try to do all of this before the swatted player can get up, grab the swatter from the chair, and swat "It" in return. If "It" succeeds, the swatee becomes the next “It” person. If not, "It" must try again by swatting a new player.

As your group gets better at playing this game, make the circle bigger and add more swatters, which means there will be more people in the middle and more confusion for everyone!