

INDIGENOUS RING AND STICK GAME



As we learned in camp, many games from history were not only fun, but used to teach skills. The ring and stick game was meant to help with hand-eye coordination, a skill that was essential to hunting. When your community relied upon hunted meat to survive, this was clearly important! The ring and stick game was just one way to help develop this skill. As the Indigenous people did, use materials that were not manufactured to make a different version of the toy.

- Step 1: From your camp kit, find the following items (they should be tied together):
 - Stick
 - String
 - Long Grass
 - Tape
- Step 2: Begin by taking the long grass and forming a circle. The circle can be a size of your choosing. The bigger you make the circle, the easier it will be to catch with the stick. The smaller the circle, the more difficult it will be to catch with the stick.
- Step 3: Use tape to hold the circle together.
- Step 4: Once your ring is formed and secure, take one end of the string and wrap it multiple times around one end of your ring, tying it off with a knot.
- Step 5: Wrap the other end of the string around the stick several times and tie with a knot.
- Step 6: At this point, your toy should be completed! We used mostly natural materials to make this toy to make it historically accurate, so be careful when playing with it as it's more likely to break than a ring and stick game made from manufactured parts.
- Step 7: Play with your toy by holding the end of the stick and tossing the ring up in the air. And the ring comes down, try and get the stick to go through the ring!