



Outdoor Activities

Cat & Mouse

Age Range: All Ages

Supplies: Chalk

Set Up: Play on the basketball court or a rectangular area. Use the chalk to mark off the boundaries (see below).

Instructions: In cat & mouse, a rectangular field is needed. Three lines cross the field at equal distances. At each end of the field is a place of safety for the mice. Mice try and run through a field of cats to reach the other end where there is safety. There are five cats in the field (you can do less if your group is smaller). All of the cats must stay on their lines. They cats run back and forth on their lines, but cannot leave them. One cat per line. The cats will try to corner the mice in the boxes. The mice will try and escape from the cats. The mice cannot stay within any individual box longer than 15 seconds. The mice can run in all directions from box to box while trying to avoid the cats.

The mice that are caught leave the field and sit down on the sidelines. The mice that run the length of the field and make it to safety then have to turn around and run back across the field again. The cats will try and catch them and they will try to avoid the cats. The field will eventually be narrowed to one mouse. When that mouse is finally caught, the game is over. The last five mice to be caught then becomes the cats for a new game.

