Outlines and Suggestions
for
Games, Picnics, Social Programs, and Stunts
for
Rural Recreation Leaders
Suitable for every Social Occasion.
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PICNIC PROGRAMS AND EQUIPMENT

Many picnics are failures because no definite program or plan of procedure for the day's activities has been outlined or planned in advance. Many picnics are failures because a program has been hastily planned very much lacking in interest.

Expensive prizes are not necessary; they make picnic costs high and have a tendency to cause disharmony in the group because the competition becomes so keen and mercenary.

Events should be planned in which no great amount of skill or endurance is required, they should also be of such a nature as to be highly amusing and interesting to the spectators.

The program should be arranged so that events which take considerable time to run off should be alternated with events of short duration.

It is always wise to rope off the area in which the events are to be run off otherwise the crowd will overrun the athletic field and slow down your program.

It is hardly wise to arrange events for adults which require speed and endurance. They should not indulge in any strenuous physical exercise without preliminary training.

Success depends upon the leaders who must get the people together and by appropriate and spirited remarks attract them to participate and watch the progress of the games.

Duties of the Picnic Sports Committee:

1. Arrange events and order of the same.
2. Lay out the fields.
3. See that the equipment is at hand.
4. Secure the prizes.
It is well to provide playing kits containing such equipment as:

2. Volley-balls and nets.
3. Tug of War rope.
4. Bean bags.
5. Indoor balls and bats.
6. Croquet sets.
7. Horse shoes and stakes.
8. Sacks. (grain sacks are the best)
9. Glass eggs and spoons.
11. Tape measure.
12. Megaphone.
13. Hammers.
14. Nails or spikes.
15. Hand saws.
16. Planks or two-by-fours.
17. Rope. (short pieces about 4 feet long)
18. Wands or broom sticks.
19. Golf driver or putter.
20. Whistle.

It is advisable for every leader to provide himself with a copy of the rules for such games as volley ball, baseball, horse-shoes, quoits, etc. In the other events, the distance to be run, the starting and finish mark must be determined in advance; a stop watch is a handy thing to have for events which are based upon time consumed, altho the ordinary watch will usually suffice.

Enough officials to see that all rules are observed and fair play given all.

EVENTS FOR PICNIC PROGRAMS

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a. Slogans - A guessing contest

Suggestions:--

It Floats
Eventually Why Not Now
The Skin You Love To Touch

Equipment:-- List of appropriate slogans

Cards (3x5")
Pencils

b. Volley Ball.
c. Baseball.
d. Clock Golf.