

Safety Concentration

TOPIC/SUBJECT: General Boating/Water Safety

TARGET AUDIENCE/AGE LEVEL: K - 4th grade

TIME: 30 minutes

THEME: If you concentrate on safety while on or near the water it could save your life.

GOAL/PURPOSE: Participants will learn more about boating/water safety.

OBJECTIVE(S): Participants will be able to identify at least five boating or water safety tips.

DESCRIPTION:

- A. This is played just like the game Concentration. The objective of the game is to remember where matches are located and then obtain the most matched items from the game board. This game is designed for younger groups and no prior knowledge is required to play. Team size depends on the overall group size or it can be played with individuals too. Three to four individuals are the most you would want on a team.
- B. There are 36 panels on the game board and each panel card has a number on it. On the opposite side of the card there are two of each graphic symbol or text item. As a team uncovers graphics or phrases on the game board they can be interpreted. Topics interpreted should be geared to the age group playing. For example, learn to swim or swim with a buddy for younger audiences.
- C. The first team chooses a pair of numbers. Their symbols are uncovered temporarily so everyone has a chance to note the graphic and location mentally. Then they are covered and the next team chooses a pair of numbers. If their first number uncovers a symbol they have seen before they choose its number to make a match. All matches are worth 10 points and the symbol is removed from the board. The team that makes a match wins the right to choose again until they fail to match.
- D. The game board is constructed of a 4' X 6' sheet of 1/2" plywood cut into (2) 4' X 3' pieces and rejoined with a piano hinge. The board is covered with a fabric that will hold Velcro backed items. There are 36 squares on a 6" X6" grid to hold 36 cards. These cards can be laminated and then Velcro added to both sides or made out of 1/2" plywood pieces. If plywood cards are used you need to place hooks in each section and include eyebolts attached on the top of each piece so they can hang from the hooks on the game board. The hook version can cause problems in transport. One side of each piece is numbered (from 1 to 36). A total of 18 graphic or text card pairs are needed.
- E. This game board can be adapted to many other games that use categories such as matching animals with tracks or habitats, etc.

SUGGESTED MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT: Game board, a total of 18 duplicate graphic/text cards to make a total of 36 cards.