

Predator-Prey Game

Title: Predator-Prey

Objective:

To understand predator-prey relationships

To identify various wetland predators and prey and their relationships

Time: 15 minutes

Materials:

4 cones

Set-Up:

- 1) Place 4 cones in a field area at the corners of a rectangle or square shape.

Procedure:

- 1) Line kids up in 2 lines near each other.
- 2) Call out a wetland predator and hand signal to which group represents that animal.
- 3) Call out a wetland prey of that predator and hand signal that the other group is that animal.
- 4) Do not reveal which is the predator or prey. The groups have to quickly determine which the predator is and which the prey is and consequently which they are: the predator or prey.
- 5) The group that is the predator chases the prey to their side of the field trying to tag them.
- 6) Any prey that gets tagged before making it to the border of the cones goes to the other group's line/ side.
- 7) Repeat with another predator/ prey example. Campers should be shifted around from group to group as they get tagged.

Predator/ Prey Examples:

Skunk/ Mallard Duck Egg

Raccoon/ Wood Duck

Hawk/ Northern Shoveler Duck

Marsh Mouse/ Salt Grass

Tule Elk/ Cattail

Chorus Frog/ Dragonfly

Coyote/ Rabbit

Marsh Mouse/ Suisun Thistle

Canada Goose/ Invertebrates

River Otter/ Clams

Salmon/ Invertebrates

Macroinvertebrates/ Microinvertebrates

Fox/ Garter Snake

Garter Snake/ Chorus Frog

Wood Duck/ Seeds

Humans/Waterfowl

Garter Snake/ Salamander

Skunk/ Salamander

Coyote/ Skunk

River Otter/ Crab

Crab/ Pickleweed

River Otter/ Salmon

Humans/Salmon

Coyote/ Tule Elk