

GAME CHEST/DEN CHEST

Each den should make up its own game chest. You can decorate it and fill it with different items. Many of the items can be found around the house or purchased at a small cost.

Include a game card file listing the game rules and equipment needed.

Here are some suggested items that you may want to include in the game chest.



Bean Bags

Rubber Bands

Marbles

Crayons

Masking Tape

Paper Bags

Gloves

Balloons

Dice

Soda Straws

Playing Cards

Dominoes

Bandanas

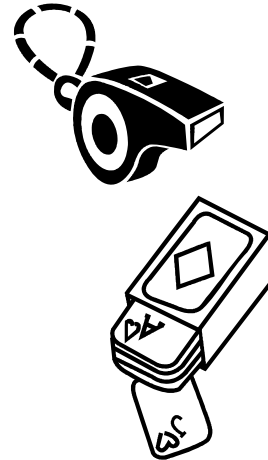
Ping Pong Balls

Whistles

Tin Pie Plates

String

12' Clothesline



Making and assembling a game chest is an excellent Den Chief project.

Begin now accumulating "odds and ends" for the den game chest. As new games are tried, boys can bring scrap items from home to be used in the game. Then add them to the game chest for future use.

Game instructions can be kept on 3 X 5 cards for easy reference. Store these in the game chest.

The items in the game chest may be used in several ways, clothes pins, washers, and playing cards can be tossed into pie pans and cans; feathers can be blown across the room in relays; ping-pong balls can be rolled, tossed or blown with a straw into containers; old work gloves are helpful in playing fumble fingers; handkerchiefs make good team flags or blindfolds; rubber rings may be tossed over bottle necks...the list goes on and on.

The game chest will be a silent helper when planned activities are over too quickly or "plan B" when the activity doesn't go as planned. It can help the Denner when it is his turn to help at den meetings.

It's also a good place to store den supplies, unfinished craft items, or a quick den activity that can take the place of another activity that falls apart at the last moment, and den records. Try making a game chest. It will soon become a treasure chest.