

Essential information

Age range:

7-11 (children either side of this range may enjoy this activity dependant on ability)

Group size:

As many as staff and facilities will allow for

Time needed:

No time limit

Curriculum links:

PE numerous units

Setting:

Outside or sports hall

Contact us:

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The Beetle Olympics! – leader's notes

Background to activity

During this activity children will learn about stag beetles' ecology and behaviour and interpret into fun games.

Materials needed

- Variety of games equipment

Running the activity

In order for children to design their own stag beetle Olympics they must first fully understand the lifestyle and behaviour of the stag beetle from previous activities. You can either ask the children to design their own stag themed races and games or assign each group a title and get them to choose their equipment and make up the rules. Examples include: 'Cocoon race'- children are pupae in their cocoons in a sack style race, 'Run like a beetle race'- three legged style race with 3 people to give 6 appendages, ' Lay your eggs'- team running race to deposit as many eggs as possible in an allotted time. This could be a class, year or whole school event.

Extension activities

- Each group could write a rules sheet with illustrations for their chosen game.
- Learn about a variety of species to create more themed races for a larger Animal Olympics event.
- Make insect themed refreshments for a healthy Olympics lunch.