

juniors

CONKER FUN



GET
ADVENTUROUS



1 HOUR



PREPARATION
NEEDED



AIM

To get outside hunting for the biggest and best conkers around and then using them to take part in activities, games and challenges.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- › Horse chestnut (conker) tree
- › String
- › Drill
- › Scissors
- › Googly eyes
- › Pens

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here



GET ADVENTUROUS: CONKER FUN

THEME: EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND ME



LEADER PREPARATION

Find some horse chestnut trees close to your meeting place. You could either walk there, transport your children in vehicles or meet at that location for the evening. Remember this activity is all about getting your group out of their meeting place and exploring the world around them.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Firstly, challenge your group to find some conkers which they can use to take part in activities. Here are a mix of ideas for activities and challenges using conkers. These ideas can be run outside by the trees or back at your meeting place.

- **Collecting Competition** – Challenge your group to a series of competitions to find; the most conkers, the biggest conker, the smallest conker, the shiniest conker etc.
- **Play a game of conkers** – Drill/make a hole (use a hand drill or skewer) in a conker and tie a piece of string to it. Using the traditional rules of conkers, play a knockout tournament to crown the winner. Leaders should prepare string (approx. 20cm lengths) in advance for this activity.
- **Conker Art** – Using conkers they have collected, ask the children to create a shape or artwork on the floor. Leaves, twigs and conker shells could be used to help create the artwork.
- **Create a game** – Discover your children's imagination by asking them to come up with a brand-new game to play with the conkers they have found.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Lead a devotion based around the fact that conkers are the seeds of horse chestnut trees and with the right conditions, these small seeds grow into big trees. What conditions do humans need to grow successfully? Where should we place our roots?



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Ensure that activities which involve drilling/making a hole through the conker are done by a Leader. In meeting outside your meeting space, make sure that you have made parents/carers aware and that you have sufficient Leaders to ensure a safe and enjoyable time.