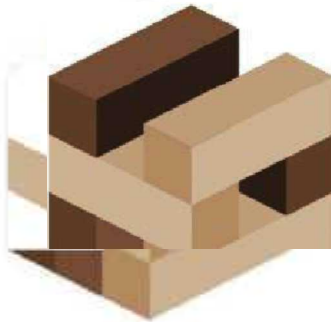


# GAMES FOR YOUR SWIMMING POOL AND BACKYARD



## Giant Jenga

This is the same concept as **tabletop** Jenga, but with much larger game pieces! Cut forty-eight 12" 2x4 boards. To make the game pieces more "lively", you can paint either the whole board or just paint **the** ends. Stack the boards by threes until you have stacked all of the boards. The players begin pulling out one board **at** the time. The loser **is** the player who makes the "Giant Jenga" tower fall.



## Belly Flop Contest

No other game brings everyone together quite like a belly flop contest- and it couldn't be easier! Gather your contestants, find a prize for the winner, and have the audience judge with **their** applause.



## Crocodile Hunter

**This** game is extremely fun for **multiple** players. The Crocodile Hunter game involves multiple hula hoops and inflatable animals, preferably crocodiles. This is also the time to test **out** a good **Australian** accent. Let the inflatable crocodiles **adrift** in the pool and line up kids in the shallow end. Let each player take a timed turn trying to capture the croc by "**ringing**" its head or tail. Once someone snares the crocodile, he or she should climb onto its back and race to land. Whoever completes the stint in the least amount of time, wins.



### Lawn Twister

Use circular stencils to spray paint (use **contractors' marking** spray so it will wash away] in five different color circles. Spray six circles of each color. (You **can** use a string to make sure the circles are straight.) **Once the "Twister lawn board" has been created and** the paint has dried, use a piece of cardboard **in** the shape of a circle to create the spinner with arrow. Each section of the spinner should indicate which color circle the players will place their hand or foot. Players spin the spinner and **twist themselves** into position until the last one is left standing.



### Bumper Balls

Using a rope, section off a small area of the pool. Have all the players hop into that section, each holding a beach ball. On the count of three, the players all use their beach balls as a means to bump the other players into the rope barrier, as if they're playing bumper cars. Anyone who touches the rope has to leave the pool. Keep playing until only one bumper remains in the pool and wins the game.



### Noodle Joust

This game is great for advanced swimmers who are a little bit older. This game involves 2 rafts, 2 pool noodles and 2 players. Select 2 players to sit on a blowup raft in the middle of the pool. Give each one a pool noodle and have them swim toward each other. The object of the game is to joust with the noodles and try and get each other off the raft. The winner takes on the next **player**.

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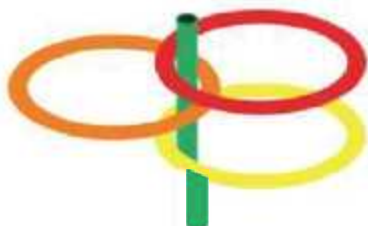
## Glow in the Dark Bowling

Remove the labels from **10** bottles of water and add different colored glow sticks to create "glow in the dark" bowling pins. Use a soccer ball as the bowling ball and **line** the bottles up like bowling pins. (The back row should have four pins, the next row will have three pins, the next row two pins and the first row will have one pin.) You can **mke** the distance from the "pins" appropriate to the **age** group playing. Glow in the Dark Bowling is great entertainment! Keep score if you like or just play to have **fun!**



## Ping Pong Scramble

Players form a large circle in the pool and someone dumps a large container of ping pong balls in the middle of the players circle. Players scramble to collect ping pong balls and place them in their own container. Whoever collects the most balls wins! Containers can be different colored laundry **baskets** or buckets placed **on the edge** of the pool. Variation: Before the game, use permanent markers to give each ping pong ball a point value. The team with the highest score wins. Or place a small colored dot on each ball in different colors so teams can only collect the balls with their color.



## Giant Ring Toss using Pool Noodles

You will need wooden dowel rods and enough pool noodles to cover the dowels, along with **four** or five additional pool noodles to create the rings. Bend the rings into a circle and tape **the** two ends with duct tape or a noodle connector. Stand the covered dowel rods upright and you are ready for a game of ring toss.



## Frozen T-Shirt Contest

Dunk 2 shirts in water and freeze **them** for 2-3 days. Divide your friends into 2 groups and take the shirts **out** of the freezer. Each group races to thaw and put on a shirt. They can use anything available in the yard to **haw** it: the pool, a garden hose, slamming it on the pavement, your hands, your **breath**, etc. Have someone shout out "Switch" every 15 seconds to switch out the person thawing the shirt. The first team to thaw their shirt and put it on wins.



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