



CAMPS ON TRACKS

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Introduction to TRACKS - Sample Activity

Barn Yard Babble

(Recommended Age 4+)

Equipment: Pictures of various animals OR foam animals. There should be small groupings of like animals, plus ONE animal that is different than everyone else.

Description: Hand one animal to each child. Children cannot show anyone their animal. Each camper moves around the room and makes the sound their animal would make. They must also listen to everyone else to hear if anyone is making the same noise as they are. Once they hear their fellow animal, they form a group with them. One camper in the group will hold a unique animal or card and will remain alone at the end of the activity.

Variations: Use a deck of cards instead. Campers can find their group members by holding up the cards or holding up the appropriate number of fingers to indicate their card number.

Debriefing Sample Script: “How would it feel to be the animal that doesn’t belong? How would you feel if you were in that position? No one deserves to feel that way. We all have different characteristics about us that make us unique and special. For example, some of us love sports, and some of us prefer to do a craft or read a book. Other differences among us may include where we were born, what foods we like to eat, and our cultural background. We may also have differences in our physical appearance. Everyone here can still participate in camp games and activities even if they do so in a different way. Even though we are all different, it is important to be a good friend and include everyone in activities at camp so no one feels left out.”

