

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Games for All Ages!!

- 1. Red, white, and blue tag:** Give each competitor one token of each color. When the whistle blows, the game starts! Challenge players to be the first to gather one red, one white, and one blue token by tagging other players. This game is perfect outdoor fun for young kids.
  - 2. Patriotic balloon pop:** Put a “You win!” note inside deflated red, white, and blue balloons, then blow them up and place them around the party area. Have party guests pop the balloons to find out if they win a prize.
  - 3. Fourth of July jar:** Fill a large fishbowl or jar with red, white, and blue candies and challenge guests to guess how many candies are in the bowl. Put a pen, paper, and an empty basket beside the bowl and have guests place their names and guesses in the basket. The winner gets to take home the whole container of goodies.
  - 4. Capture the American flag:** In this classic game, one team must capture the other team’s flag and bring it back to their territory to win. If a player is tagged by an opposing team member, you have to go to jail (a patch of the field you’re playing on). Players can only get out of jail if their own team-member tags them. Make it patriotic by making one flag blue and the other red!
  - 5. Rocket flyer launch:** Make rockets by rolling up an 8 by 12 piece of paper and then make a cone out of colored construction paper and tape it to the top. Decorate with red, white, and blue crepe paper and see who can launch theirs the farthest!
  - 6. Water balloon dodge ball:** Divide up the group into two teams and fill up some red, white, and blue water balloons. If you get hit, you’re out. The last one standing wins!
  - 7. Sponge fireworks:** Gather strips of red, white, and blue strips of sponge and tie them in the middle with a piece of string. These can act as reusable water balloons for any of water game or relay race, and they look like fireworks!
  - 8. Patriotic Pictionary or charades:** Put a patriotic spin on these classic games by using your own index cards and writing famous American heroes and places.
  - 9. Giant pick-up sticks:** Everyone’s fave pick-up game gets a giant makeover when you paint inexpensive bamboo garden sticks red, white, and blue. Kids will enjoy trying to pick up one stick at a time, without touching the others.
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