

Sweep the Teepee



Objective:

Form groups quickly and act out the prompt using the correct number of people and matching movement. Great for icebreakers, team-building, or just for fun!

1 – Sweeping the Teepee (BEZHIGO-anishinaabe)

How to Play: One person walks around making sweeping motions with their arms, as if cleaning a teepee.

2 – Looking Over Horse (NIIZHO-anishinaabeg)

How to Play: One person acts as the horse by bending over.

The other person stands behind or to the side, pretending to look over the horse's back (hand above eyes like you're scanning the horizon).

3 – Fire in the Teepee (NISO-anishinaabeg)

How to Play: Two people stand facing each other, raising their arms to form a teepee shape.

The third person kneels in the center with hands up and wiggles fingers like flames to be the fire.

4 – All Directions (NIIYO-anishinaabeg)

How to Play: Four people stand back-to-back in a square, each pointing in a different direction.

It doesn't need to be true North/South/East/West – just four distinct directions.

5 – Circle of Friends (NAANO-anishinaabeg)

How to Play: All five people form a circle by holding hands – symbolizing friendship and unity.

Tips for Play:

- Call out numbers randomly to mix things up!
- Players must quickly form groups of the correct size and do the matching action.
- If someone doesn't find a group in time, they can do a fun penalty (dance, tell a joke, etc.) or rotate in next round.