

Alligator swamp

YEARS
3-4

Your band of wildlife experts delves deep into the Everglades searching for evidence of a new species of butterfly. This could be the greatest discovery of modern times! You spot what you are looking for across the swamp. One problem – the swamp is crawling with alligators! Maybe the rope in your backpack and nearby logs can get you there ...

Instructions

1. Players are given the equipment and informed of the task.
2. They must decide as a group how to best use the equipment so that no one is fed to the alligators.
3. When the children have formed their plan, they should attempt to cross the swamp.

Focus

Cooperation, balance

Number of players

3 or more

Equipment

Quoits (one more than the total of children)

2 skipping ropes

Aim

For the group to cross the swamp safely.



Hint: One way that the children can achieve this is by sending a lead member ahead to build a path of logs. The children can then each step upon these, with the last child sending the remaining log to the leader. The positioning of the logs could be controlled by tying them onto the rope.

Extension: The swamp is sinking fast! The task could be completed within a specified time frame.