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**Subject:** Re: Knotty games...

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**Date:** Tue, 1 Apr 1997 16:02:49 GMT  
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i'm looking for CSP's

The mind at best is an educational toy.

The trouble is everyone wants to play with your toys.

Date: Tue, 1 Apr 1997 09:10:46 -0500  
From: Kem White <dkw@APLCOMM.JHUAPL.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Knotty games...

At 11:51 PM 3/31/97 -0500, Pete wrote:

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## **Knot and Rope Games**

**Knots Galore** - Give the team captains a 24-inch length of rope. At the signal, the captains tie a knot in one end of the rope, the second player ties one near the first, and so on down the line. There should be one knot for each player on the team. After all the knots are tied and the number checked, it goes down the line again with each player untying a knot. First team to finish wins.

**Rope Throw Rescue** - Each den (or team) has a coil of rope. Adults representing drowning victims are in the water. Each Webelos in turn throws the rope to the drowning person who grabs it and then lets it go. The player recoils the rope and hands it to the next player. Repeat until all den members have cast successfully. Can be played on land, too.

**Save My Child** - You will need 6 pieces of 4-foot long rope per team, a blanket (for indoor game) or a wagon (for outdoor game), and a broom handle or stout stick. The object of the game is to tie the ropes together to have a rope long enough to throw to someone out about 15 feet away and pull them to safety. One boy sits on the blanket or in the wagon and waits for his team to tie the ropes together using square knots or sheet bends. Once the rope is thrown to the waiting boy, he must tie a bowline in the end while the other boys tie a clove hitch around the stick. All pulling must be done on the stick and not the rope. The first team to pull the boy to safety with all the knots properly tied wins.

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**Square Knot Relay** - Divide the den into two teams. Give each boy a piece of rope. At the signal, the first boy runs down to a rope lying on the ground, ties his piece to the end using a square knot or sheet bend, and returns. Each boy repeats in turn. The first team to successfully tie all pieces of rope together using correct knots wins.

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**Date:** Thu, 3 Apr 1997 07:44:59 -0500  
**From:** PJM <pjm@WORLDAMP.NET>  
**Subject:** Knotty Games... the anthology

**RE: Knotty Games=85**

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Hey all,

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handout for this RT and need the head start. TIA

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AKA "Goodyear Pete", Hey you!, Mr. Cubmaster,  
and the "Professor of Cooking"

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"Awesome is as awesome does..."

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Pete,

What about the Human Knot.....this is a fun one!

Everyone stands in a circle up to 12 boys. First put in your right hand and hold with another one (not right next to you) Then put in the left hand hold with another one (not right next to you) You must untie without letting go of hands.

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The first is a variation on "drop the hanky" for those who remember that popular childrens' party game. The group sits in a circle with their hands behind their back. One person walks around the outside with a piece of rope; they select someone, place the rope in their hands and say a knot. They then continue around the circle; the challenge is for the knot to be completed correctly before they return to the same place. If the knot is not finished or not correct, the person tying it changes place with them

and goes around the circle with the rope. The game can be adjusted according to the knotting skills of participants; either by the range of knots that may be specified or if they are more competent with their knots by requiring the knot to be tied with hands kept behind the back.

The other game is knot dodge. Two teams are numbered off. The leader of the game calls out a number and a knot. The person with the corresponding number from one team has to go to a designated point and tie the knot; the person from the other team with the same number has to go to another point and try to hit the person tying the knot by throwing a ball (or a beanbag) at them. So the person tying the knot has the double challenge of tying the knot correctly while also dodging the throws. We used to play this on a basketball court; a length of rope was tied hanging down from the stand behind the backboard, and the knot was tied with a second length of rope onto the first. The person tying the knot would signal they had completed it by swinging on the joined ropes. The person throwing the ball had to throw from behind the free throw line (with older scouts who can throw harder and more accurately this may even need to be inside the centre circle) They can go anywhere to retrieve the ball after a throw, but cannot throw it again until they have returned to the free throw line.

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**Hi PJ!**

**Give each patrol 3 staves, and three lengths of rope about 10 feet long. On "go," they have to lash the three staves in a triangular shape (using square lashings), then use the resulting structure as a platform to carry a patrol member a certain distance and then back to the finish line. =20 Lots of fun--requires them to know how to lash, and know how to lash well**

**enough that the structure doesn't come apart while carrying one of their buddies! Also requires teamwork, planning, etc.**

**YiS (I used to be a Beaver...)**

**Pete Farnham**  
**SM, Troop 113**  
**GW District, NCAC**  
**Alexandria, VA**  
**pfarnham@CapAccess.org**

**Hi Pete:**

**One of my personal favorites, which the scouts think is easy until they try it: Put a pole in a ten foot circle. (In a gym, a volley ball net pole in the middle of the Center basket ball circle works fine.) Hand each end of a thirty foot plus rope to two scouts, and tell them to tie a clove hitch on the pole, without stepping into the circle, and without letting go of the rope.**

**YIS,**

**Dave Hills**  
**Adcdave@aol.com**

**I=B4m not sure if you allready got this game but I=B4ll give it to you anywa=**

**y.**

**Tie 8-10 differnet knots and put them in bags of textil fabrics, one in each bag. Se if anyone can recognise all of the knots without opening the bags. You can let them put their hands in the bag or just touch on the outside.**

**Good luck!**

**Per Pettersson ;-) per.pettersson@gymnasiet.monsteras.se**

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