

Skittles Game (or button game or bead game or bean game)

Equipment:

1 set of game cards

1 large bag of Skittles

A napkin or small plate or other receptacle for each player to place her Skittles on. Everyone should be able to see the number of Skittles she has in front of her.

Instructions:

Place cards in a box or bag so that players cannot see what is written on the card. Place Skittles in a bowl in the centre of the playing Area.

**With younger girls, it might be advisable to have an adult help the girl count out their Skittles.*

Instruct all players to place their Skittles in front of them on their napkin and not to eat any of the Skittles until the end of the game.

Pass the box around the circle and one at a time each player should take one card and read what it says aloud. She may then take the specified number of Skittles.

Once everyone has Skittles in front of them, discuss why some people have more than others, why some people got to take other people's Skittles or why some people had to give their Skittles away.

Ask the girls if this is fair. **They will say NO!*

Discuss how this is reality in other countries.

Discussions should be age appropriate.

If this game is played with Sparks and younger Brownies, consider pairing them up with an Guide, Pathfinder, Senior Branches girl or adult.

If there are fewer than 30 people, remove the appropriate number of cards, starting with #30 and moving backwards.