

# Brick Boredom Buster Camp:

## Thursday, March 19

### Pirate Day



Argh, maties! Today we teach ye bilge rats how to be a pirate. Learn our ways or we toss ya in the drink! We've also included a non-theme game just for fun, along with a link to a video so you can get some exercise. We have "make it extra" under most activities in case you want to do even more with it.

Use them all, use only one, or mix and match! And don't forget to take a picture or video, post it to Instagram or Facebook, and tag #brickboredombuster to be entered into the weekly drawing for a prize pack that we mail to your home!

#### **Start Here: Become a Pirate**

1. Find your pirate name! See the attached PDF to find out your pirate name. Your family has to call each other their pirate name all day, or they're a dirty bilge rat!
2. Learn how to talk like a pirate. See the attached PDF to learn some pirate lingo to use in your conversation all day.
3. Make it extra: Make a game of using your name and lingo all day.
  - a. Find something (pennies maybe?) to keep track. Start with five pennies each.
  - b. Every time someone calls a person by their real name instead of pirate name, take away a penny paper.
  - c. Every time someone uses pirate lingo when they talk, add a penny.
  - d. The person with the least amount of pennies at the end of the day must WALK THE PLANK! (do a chore they don't like or one of their siblings' chores).

#### **Takes time: Indoor Treasure Hunt**

1. See the attached PDF for clues and answers – make sure you hide the answers! The clues are for items around the house. They will have fun figuring out what they are.
2. Decide what "treasure" they are hunting before you start to surprise them with it at the end. Our suggestion: an online movie rental, purchase a game for their tablet or phone, or special one-on-one walk around the neighborhood with each of them.
3. Make it extra: You could also let them choose to share their "treasure" by donating a little money online to a foodbank charity, which will need a lot of support in the coming months.

#### **Quick Activity: Ticking Crocodile**

1. **Materials Needed:** Timer, crocodile (anything can be the crocodile, even a shoe)
2. **How to play:** Choose one kid to be "Hook" and have them leave the room while the other kids hide the crocodile. When Hook comes back into the room, he/she has 1 minute to find the ticking crocodile. Run as many rounds as you like.

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#### **Fun Game: Walk the Plank**

3. Materials Needed: several flat(ish) chair or couch cushions of any size (make it harder with smaller cushions).
4. How to Play: Lay out the flat cushions in a line to be the “plank.” Take turns blind folding the players and sending them to walk the plank. The goal is to make it across the plank without stepping off and falling into the crocodile infested water.
5. Make it extra: Fun if you have a pool noodle cut in half. Make two “planks” armed with swords, step onto the plank and duel while maintaining your balance. The person to stay on the longest is the winner, and the next two players take their turns.

#### **Just for Fun Game: Bird on a Perch**

1. Kids have to partner up and follow instructions. The last group to get into the correct position will be out, until there is one winning group left.
2. There are three main positions: Bird on a Perch (one partner gets on the other partners back), Perch on a Bird (the OTHER partner gets on the first’s back), and Bunk Beds where two kids stack on top of each other, holding each other up by the ankles. The leader will call these out randomly. In between those positions, the leader will call out directions like “finger to toe”, “shin to shin”, “butt to butt”, “head to head” to keep the kids moving and in weird positions so that it’s more difficult to quickly get into the three main positions.
3. Make it extra: If you don’t have enough people at home to do this game, consider playing a Facetime/Zoom version! Send the instructions to other families at home and do a group Facetime or Zoom meeting (will require you to create an account) and play it together. Parents can help watch the screen to see who’s last, and kids that are out can watch the other kids finish.

#### **Physical Activity: Easy at Home Workout for Kids**

1. Popsugar fitness has a great easy workout video for the whole family just to keep kids active. It’s sponsored by FitBit, so it has some talk about that, but it’s a great workout, so you can ignore that part because the point is just to get moving!
2. Click here to do the workout: <https://youtu.be/5if4cjO5nxo>