

THEME: Squirrel Olympics

To set the scene for a special Squirrel Olympic competition, decorate the meeting place with all the colourful flags and giant Squirrel Olympic sign made the previous week! The teams rotate round simple activities based on real Olympic events (you may wish to devise some of your own) and the evening culminates with a grand Award ceremony where everyone is a winner!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add drinks and snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
5	ACTIVITY: Team Time As each Squirrel arrives to the meeting give them a badge or sticker with a picture of the flag of their country on it so they will know which team they are in. The teams will rotate round simple Olympic style activities, don't forget to pretend to keep times and scores on a recording sheet – make sure that all teams will win a medal in some event!	Country stickers or badges for teams Stop watches, score charts, pencils, etc.
10	ACTIVITY: Horse Jumping Riding a hobby horse, the Squirrels make their way round an obstacle course with very small jumps or going in and out of cones.	Hobby horse Cones or small jumps
10	ACTIVITY: Races Run a variety of races – running, hopping, balloon between knees!	Balloons
10	ACTIVITY: Beanbag Shot-put See how many beanbags the Squirrels can throw into a bucket!	Beanbags & bucket
10	ACTIVITY: Shooting & Fishing Mark target areas on the floor, using toy guns which fire foam discs the Squirrels score points depending where the discs land! Or using a magnetic fishing game see how many fish can be caught!	Toy foam target gun or space gun Chalk Magnetic fishing game
5	ACTIVITY: Awards Ceremony Present a toy medal and sweets to each competitor in a pretend Award ceremony. Make sure that each team comes first and wins ‘gold’ for one of the events!	Toy medals Sweets
5	Closing, Home	

