CHRIS & CARRIE KALLAL'S

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When they find time, Chris and Carrie love to search online for the newest, unique ideas to implement into their Camp as well as visiting multiple camps over the years to "steal" ideas from them!

The Kallals love camp so much that they spend a lot of their free time teaching others about camp! They have taught camping classes at different conferences around the world and written a ton of books about the various aspects of camp life. As well, Chris co-hosts a podcast, Scamp Life - The Programming Side, where he talks all things Camp Programming.

They have a total of 4 children; Rowan, Emmalina, Autumn, and Aurora, as well as a couple dogs, cat, some hissing cockroaches, bearded dragon, leopard gecko, frog, couple turtles, and a pet skunk, named Stinkerbell!

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WHEN I MEET OTHER CAMP COUNSELORS, WE SWAP CAMP SONGS!

Guess that Percent

Materials:

- Polls made up of "about me" Questions. (Do you know how to swim? What's your fav flavor of icecream? Etc)

Directions:

- Choose who is going to be the first guesser
- Then launch the poll and have everyone guess
- Have the guesser guess how many will be a certain answer
- Reveal the answer
- Guesser gets points for how many numbers they are away from actual answer
- Winner is the person with the least amount of points at the end

CAMPFESSION
I ALWAYS HOPE TO RUN INTO A CAMPER OUT IN THE REAL WORLD!

Whisper

Materials:

- List of phrases you want people to say

Directions:

- Privately message 1 person and give them a phrase to say
- Then mute them and they mouth the phrase and everyone else guesses what they are saying

Heads or Tails

- Everyone chooses heads or tails by giving a thumbs up or a thumbs down.
- The host flips a coin and announces the result.
- Everyone who was wrong turns off their camera and everyone who was right does a victory dance.
- Keep playing until there is one camera left on.

No Look Drawing

Materials:

- Paper
- Drawing utensil
- 1 item from house that others will attempt to draw

Directions:

- One person will describe the item without giving away what it is
- Everyone else attempts to draw that item
- One Yes/no question per person is allowed
- After a pre-determined time limit, stop the game and have everyone share their drawings, then share the item!

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Predator/Protector

- Everyone picks one person to be their predator.
- On a starting command, whenever your predator's camera is on, you have to turn yours off. If your predator's camera is off, you turn your's on.
- The game ends on the host's command.
- An addition that can be made is to also pick a protector. As long as your protector's camera is on, you are safe, even if the predator is present.
- Another addition to keep things moving is that players can only have their cameras on for 10 seconds at a time before briefly turning it off.

Scavenger Hunts

Materials:

- List of items (pen, bowl, mom's right shoe)

Directions:

- This will look better and run better if you create a powerpoint ahead of time with each slide being a different item
- Say or show the first item and players must rush around the house to find that item and bring it back to the screen
- IMPORTANT RULE: The device the kids are using, must stay in place. (if they kids are playing on an ipad or phone, they cannot carry it around with them)

CAMPFESSION
I HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED WORKING AT CAMP FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

Mirror

Directions:
- Go through the chat and individually tell each person someone that they should start mirroring.
- Then tell everyone to pin that person to their screen (you can do this by clicking on the ... in the upper right hand of their window.)
- On the count of five everyone will start doing very simple movements, the dab, whip, clapping, nodding, etc.
- Students will do this for 5 seconds, then they will start to copy the person that they are supposed to be mirroring.
- See how long it takes your group to start all moving the exact same.
- Afterwards, have everyone go around and share who they were mirroring.

Count to 10

Directions:

- All mics on.
- You start at number 1 and have to get to 10 (or higher if you want)
- After someone says a number, someone else must say the next number (you yourself can't say multiple numbers in a row)
- If two people say a number at the same time, you must start over!

Bing

- Choose a volunteer and have them turn off their sound or put them in the waiting room.
- Decide a challenge for them to do involving their actual physical space ("they have to take a book from their book shelf and put it on the table," "they have to open their closet and put on an article of clothing", etc.).
- Signal to them that they can turn back on their sound or let them back in
- Now they must do the challenge. The rest of the group can't tell them what it is; all they can do is cheer the closer they get and boo the farther away they are.
- When they successfully complete the challenge everyone shouts BING! 7

Holding a Lie

Materials:

- Random object (the weirder, the better)

Directions:

- One at a time, people will tell the others a good description of what they are holding. They can either lie or tell the truth (I am holding a 2 heading clown doll that is eating cherry pie)
- As the host, create a poll that has players choose "Truth" or "Lie"
- Whatever majority says is what the choice is.
- Player must reveal his item and if he was able to "fool" everyone
- Player gets points ONLY if he was able to successfully "fool" everyone

See Jimmy Fallon's Box of Lies for examples

Reverse Charades

Materials:

- Make sure you have Waiting Room turned on

Directions:

- :Let everyone know how the game will work: Everyone will be doing the charade while one person guesses what it is.
- Tell one person that you are going to put them back in the waiting room and will let them back in shortly
- As a group, decide on a movement that everyone in the group can do.
- Then admit the guesser back in
- Then everyone starts to do that movement, and the person has a 60 second timer to guess whatever it is.
- If they guess right, they get to choose the next person that will guess.

True Facts

Directions:

- Everyone private messages the host a TRUE fact about themselves (that they want shared)
- The host will randomly choose one to read aloud and everyone else guesses who it belongs to

Battle of the Backgrounds

Materials:

- None

Directions:

- Give everyone 1 minute to find and save the best/funniest background
- Once the minute is up, everyone changes their virtual background to that
- Start a poll and vote for the funniest/ nastiest/etc

Line of Silence

Directions:

- This game requires the host to get information ahead of time.
- With players muted and private chats disabled, players are challenged to create a list (To be entered in public chats) of all players, in order, based on specific challenges like birthday, distance from office, etc.
- Once the list is submitted, players are unmuted and it is compared to the true results.

CAMPFESSION
CAMP IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT I ENJOY THE RAIN!

Guess Who

Directions:

- One person is selected as a "Captain" and one person is selected as the "Who."
- The Captain has to figure out who the "Who" is.
- They do this by asking yes or no questions to the facilitator like, "does the Who have long hair?" or "Is the Who a man?"
- Based on the facilitators answer, everyone who is not the Who, turns off their camera (The Who is instructed through private chat to never turn off their camera even if the answer is ambiguous).
- The goal is to find the Who with as few questions as possible.

Pictionary

Materials:

- List of items to draw (Easiest way to do this is to actually use the cards from a Pictionary board game)

Directions:

- Start a screen share and choose Whiteboard and open up annotations
- Private message the drawer about 5 different things so they know what they are drawing
- Start timer and they begin.
- Once their team guesses the correct answer, they move on to the next item.
- See how many they can get before the time runs out
- Switch teams and start again

Story Story Die

Directions:

- Players make up a story together where each round is a new chapter.
- In this game only the person being spotlighted can talk and they are not allowed to stop talking until they are no longer in Spotlight.
- If a person in speaker view stutters or can't think of anything to say, everyone shouts out, "Die!" and they have to act out an elaborate death and we start a new round/chapter.
- The Host will need to change the spot light every so often

Combination

- The combination must be discovered to get to the next activity.
- The combination is the order that players need to speak in which the Host is following.
- Players take turns saying, "Me?" and the host says yes or no.
- Players must work together to unlock the combination by everyone saying me in the correct order to unlock the game.

Giants, Wizards, & Elves

Directions:

- Facilitator teaches the gesture and sounds for the game:
- Giants -- Stand tall with hands over heads shouting "Aaargh!"
- Wizards -- Points finger directly at the camera shouting "Zap!"
- Elves -- Crouch down with hands as ears shouting "Wheee!!!"
- Giants beat Elves   Elves beat Wizards   Wizards beat Giants
- Break the group into two teams. In breakout groups teams must choose their mode of attack and have a backup in case it's a tie.
- They then come back to the main room to compete.
- Both teams show Giants, Elves or Wizards and points are given to the winning team.

Observation

Directions:
- Everyone is broken into pairs.
- They are challenged to observe their partner and their surroundings.
- Players are then prompted to turn off their cameras and change three things about their appearance or surroundings.
- Players are then prompted to turn their cameras back on and figure out what their partner changed.

CAMPFESSION
WHEN I PLAY A NEW GAME IN THE OFF SEASON, I ALWAYS THINK, "I SHOULD PLAY THIS AT CAMP!"

PREP REQUIRED GAMES

CAMPFESSION

I CAN TELL IF A PERSON IS A CAMP PERSON OR A NON-CAMP PERSON IN LESS THAN A SECOND

Psych

Materials:

- Everyone must Download the Game from the App Store called Psych

Directions:

- As the Host, Start a Game
- Choose a Category (some cost money)
- Tell everyone to open the app and Join a Game. Give them the secret code on your device
- Start Game

Zoom In on Zoom

- Create your own Game or download an already made one from here:
  https://rb.gy/c7oxwz
- Players must guess what the item is that is zoomed in super close
- There are 4 total slides per item and each is zoomed out slightly farther.
- More points awarded for the most zoomed in slides

Xtreme Bingo

Materials:
- Create various Bingo Card in a PDF version - Here's a great site for that: https://myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator
- Caller Cards
- List of Activities (jumping Jacks, running, etc)

Directions:
- Send out Pdf of Bingo Card (make sure every player gets a different card)
- Play Bingo like normal except for every 4th call, they players have to do an activity (jumping jacks, pretending hair is on fire, etc) the whole time before the next call

Fam Glam

- Ask each student to send you a Glamour Shot (privately, not to a group thread/email).
- All they have to do is Google their **first name** followed by "Glamour shot".
- Once you have all their pictures, you make a powerpoint and then just click through each slide, students guess whose glamour shot they think it was.
- Whoever guesses the most correctly wins.

Name that Tune

Materials:

- Songs

Directions:

- This would look better if you made a power-point of each song, but not required
- Screen Share the powerpoint (make sure to check the box about sharing computer sound) or share the program playing the music or just play the song from your phone into your mic
- First person to guess the tune, gets the points

Talent Show

Materials:

- Everyone must have a talent

Directions:

- Send instructions that everyone will be presenting a talent during this zoom call
- Once online, Go around and let each person perform their talent

Silent Karaoke

Materials:
- List of Songs

Directions:
- Turn yourself on mute
- Sing a song (really get into it)
- First person to guess the songs you're singing, gets points and gets the do the next song!

Where in the World

Materials:
- Photos saved of different places around the world

Directions:
- Start your zoom and just talk and have a good time socializing.
- Every so often, randomly change your virtual background to one of the places
- First person to guess the location, gets points
- To make this harder, have everyone do this at random points during the socialization

Re-Creation

Version 1

Materials:

- A Picture of a bunch of random objects

Directions:

- Show every the picture for 30-60 seconds
- AFTER time is up, have them write out as many items as they can remember
- Person/people with the most win

Version 2

Materials:

- A bunch of items on a table that you can show a video of OR
- Two different pictures (one with every item and one exactly the same but minus 1 item)

Directions:

- Show every the video/pic for 30-60 seconds
- AFTER time is up, remove one item and see if they can guess what has been removed
- First person to guess right, wins

Great Minds Think Alike

Materials:

- Powerpoint slides with Topics on them (Superhero Sidekick, Another word from small, etc) OR
- Download the Game "Jinx" From downloadyouthministry.com

Directions:

- Choose two students to face off.
- Tell the students to look at the slide and think of the first word that comes to mind, then count down from 3.
- If they say the same word, they get a point and everyone in the group has to say GREE-AAATTT MIIIINDSS together and as silly as possible.
- You can split this up in whatever ways you want (several different teams, people constantly rotating, or the whole group doing it at the same time)

Deaf Jam

Materials:

- Music

Directions:

- You will dance to a song.
- Before you start dancing, in the chat give a list of three possible songs that you could be dancing to.
- When you are dancing you can make sure to have a song on full blast, but your mic must be on mute.
- Let the students guess, when someone guesses correctly you can turn your mic on full volume.

Zombie Escape

- Go to this website for an already created Zombie Escape Game
  https://rb.gy/fb5mta

Strike a Pose

Materials:

- Powerpoint of 4-6 Poses or Faces OR
- One of the Poser Games from DYM:
    https://rb.gy/lspac7

Directions:

- using screen share) Find 4-6 poses that kids have to act out.
- Show all of them on the screen at the same time.
- Then each person has 3 seconds to pick a pose and do it.
- Then randomly show one of the poses on the screen.
- if anyone matches that pose they are eliminated. (after a few turns show less poses available until you only have 2 shown until there is a winner).
- Alternative: use emojis or just faces they have to make

Human Bop-it

Materials:
- Already made up soundtrack of the bop it moves OR
- Download from here and get 3 different loops of the game: https://rb.gy/ri8nh2

Directions:
- The classic game of Bop it but, with a twist.
- With actions like jump it, spin it, clap it, and dab it, this is a whole new spin on the game.
- Have your students all stand up in their screens
- Have all the students do the actions while you are judging if they got it right or missed it.
- You can eliminate people until the last person is standing each round. If people are tied at the very end, do one final round to decide the winner.

Sound Effects

Materials:

- These Sounds from This Youtube Link: https://rb.gy/ri8nh2

Directions:

- Play the sounds
- Have kids guess the sounds and write them down on a piece of paper
- Grade at the end and see who has most right

Jeopardy

Materials:

- Create your own Jeopardy Game here: jeopardylabs.com

Directions:

- Create the game and then screen share and play

Masked Singer

Materials:

- Kids show up in masks and costumes so youc can't tell who they are
- Kids ready to sing/perform

Directions:

- Just like the tv show. Do a karaoke competition
- then reveal them at the end of the song.
- Have students guess who it is in the chat during the song.

Color Together

Materials:

- Coloring Page to Share on Screen

Directions:

- Screenshare the coloring Sheet
- Turn on Annotation
- Let the kids on one team all color at the same time for only 30-60 seconds
- Save the pic and open a blank sheet
- Let other team color
- Choose the best one for points/bragging rights

PLAYABLE ONLINE BOARD GAMES

CAMPFESSION

TIME PASSES DIFFERENTLY AT CAMP. YOU CAN MISS A YEAR AND WHEN YOU GO BACK, IT'S LIKE YOU NEVER LEFT!

Scattegories

https://rb.gy/recis7

Exploding Kittens

https://rb.gy/wukkvb

Boggle

https://rb.gy/4r3hxc

Code Names

Game: https://rb.gy/dlmtcd
How to Play: https://rb.gy/szfgjs
Video Example: https://rb.gy/mwqclr

Jackbox Games

https://rb.gy/a4zrhs

Farkle

https://rb.gy/puxuiz

Tenzi

Host Needs to Buy the Game: https://rb.gy/j5pxon

Wiz Kidz

Host Needs to Buy the Game: https://rb.gy/jvoskh

Artsy Fartsy

Host Needs to Buy the Game: https://rb.gy/gphsyc

Just One

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/aycfbt

Heads Up

Players Need to Download on Phones:
https://rb.gy/axrf21

Yahtzee

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/b9giip
PDF of Score sheet: https://rb.gy/0plnpo

Welcome to Your Perfect Home

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/0frs05

That's Pretty Clever

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/qulior

Patchwork Doodle

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/jqgu4p

Second Chance

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/3xxobf

Railroad Ink

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/ojru8j

The Game of Things

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/sql72b

5 Second Rule

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/6t2u2q

Speed Wiz

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/ve8rtr

Pandemic

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/hppfxz

Deep Sea Adventure

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/q04ii6

Wordsy

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/oetnjd

Spyfall

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/hugkjo

The Resistance

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/jfldp0

Wavelength

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/hoijde

Tales from the Loop

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/gorlrx

Trophies

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/ceylop

Wits & Wagers

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/ahevqq

Articulate

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/qami6q

Taboo

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/zzzrxe

Keep Talking & Nobody Explodes

Host Needs to Buy Game: https://rb.gy/xmmlox

Balderdash

Free: https://rb.gy/gdlqan

CAMPFESSION
WHEN A CAMPER ASKS WHAT
I GET PAID, I RESPOND
"SUNSHINE AND SMILES"

MISC

CAMPFESSION

ONCE THE NEW YEAR HITS, I START STALKING MY CAMP'S WEBSITE

Kidz Matter

https://rb.gy/ktvrlx

Collection of Screen Driven games you can buy

Download Youth Ministry

https://rb.gy/zdmyl5

Collection of Screen Driven games you can buy

Zoom Jam

https://rb.gy/l5ushd

A HUGE collection of ideas for games to play over Zoom

Digital Escape Rooms

https://rb.gy/jc8ruu

Youth Min

https://rb.gy/vzeqfm

Collection of Screen Driven games you can buy

SOCIAL MEDIA

CAMPFESSION

THEY SAY THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH IS DISNEYWORLD. THEY'RE WRONG. IT'S CAMP!

I Spy at Camp

Directions:

- Picture Game so works best on Facebook or Instagram
- Find a fun item or a camp mascot and hide him in various spots around Camp and take a picture
- Post the picture and encourage people to guess the Camp location the mascot is at
- Optional: Make a sticker of the mascot and send to any "winners" of correct guesses.

See: ihearcamp.org/virtualcamp for examples

Coloring Contest

Directions:

- Use Fiverr.com to find someone to turn Camp pictures into coloring pages OR draw/edit your pictures yourself
- Post a new picture each week that campers can download and color and then upload back so you can share finished pages

See: ihearcamp.org/virtualcamp for examples

Hashtag It

Directions:

- Picture Game so works best on Facebook or Instagram
- Find funny pictures from previous summers at Camp
- Post them and encourage people to Caption/ Hashtag the picture with funny comments/ sayings!

See: ihearcamp.org/virtualcamp for examples

Camp Memes

Directions:

- Picture Game so works best on Facebook or Instagram
- Share some to get it going, but encourage people to share funny camp memes that you can then post to social media

See: ihearcamp.org/virtualcamp for examples

Re-Enaction

Directions:

- Picture Game so works best on Facebook or Instagram
- Encourage people to take camp pictures and re-enact them
- Share some to get it going

See: ihearcamp.org/virtualcamp for examples

Build a Camp

Directions:

- Design a PDF of buildings/activities at your camp
- Figure out how to make them so that they can be folded and taped to make them look 3D
- Share on Social Media and Encourage everyone to color and put together and share their "camp"

See: https://www.sciotohills.com/build-a-camp for examples

Steal This Books

Steal This: Ideas of Awesomeness
(Updated: December 2018)

Steal This: Ideas for Outdoor Ed & STEMiness
(Updated: Oct 2019)

Steal This: 50 Ways to Be Awesome
(Updated: November 2019)

Steal This: Ideas of Portableness
(Updated: October 2019)

Steal This: Ideas of Contemporary Craftiness
(Updated: February 2020)

Steal This: Ideas of Virtualness
(Updated: May 2020)

Steal This: Ideas for Time Fillers & Brain Breakiness
(Updated: August 2020)

Steal This: Ideas of Camp Boxiness
(Updated: April 2021)

Steal This: Ideas During Covidness
(Updated: April 2021)

Steal This: Ideas of Social Distancedness
(Updated: May 2021)

Steal This: Ideas for Escape Rooms & Puzzleness
(Updated: October 2021)

Steal This: Ideas of Teambuildingness
(Updated: October 2022)

Steal This: The BIG Book of Awesomeness
(Updated: Feb 2023)

Steal This: Ideas of Games & Funness
(Updated: October 2023)

Steal This: Ideas CAFÉ Bagginess
(Updated: October 2023)

Steal This: 25 Rules for Unparalleled Hospitality
(Updated: Feb 2025)

More from Chris

Good News Candy Co Virtual Escape Adventure
(Updated: March 2021)

Time Quest Virtual Escape Adventure
(Updated: February 2019)

Trivia Nights
(new ones added often)

Camp Coloring Pages
(Updated: June 2020)

DIY Escape Crates & Boxes
(new ones added often

Table Top Adventures
(new ones added often)

Escape Bags
(new ones added often)

Escape Room Walkthroughs
(new ones added often)

Princess Diary
(Updated: October 2021)

Man Book
(Updated: October 2021)

Church Notes
(Updated: October 2022)

CAFE Bags
(new ones added often)

Coming Soon

- Steal This: Ideas of Staff Trainingness
- Steal This: Experiments of Wackiness
- Steal This: Ideas of PVCness
- Steal This: Ideas for Escape Rooms & Puzzleness Vol. 2
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