

How to make wild sticks:

- Save sticks from frozen treats like popsicles or buy craft sticks.
- Write facts on half of the sticks and the answers on the other half of the sticks. (Look at the "Overview" section at the front of this booklet to see which facts and answers to make for each set.)
- · Make 2 sticks that say "WILD."
- Decorate the backs of the sticks to make the game interesting. Just be sure to use a design that it easy to make the same on all the sticks!

Game 1 - Concentration (2-4 players)

- 1. Lay all the sticks face down. Straight rows are best.
- 2. First player turns over 2 sticks. If they are a fact and its answer the player keeps the sticks and gets to keep playing. If they are not a match, turn them face down where they were and pass turn to next player.
- 3. Wild sticks match anything.
- 4. Play continues until all matches are made; player with most pairs wins.

Game 2 - Don't Get Stuck with the Wild Stick (2-4 players; 3 is best)

- 1. Use only one wild stick. Lay sticks face down and mix them up.
- 2. Deal out all the sticks to players.
- 3. Players look for matches (a fact and its answer) and lay them down.
- 4. Player on dealer's left draws a stick from the dealer and checks for a match. If he/she gets a match he/she can lay the match down and keep drawing a stick. If he/she gets the wild stick or a stick that doesn't make a match his/her turn is over. The player on his/her left then draws from him/her, etc.
- 5. Keep playing until all the matches have been made and someone gets stuck with the wild stick not what you want to happen!

Game 3 - Drop in the Bucket (2-4 players)

- 1. Leave the wild sticks out. Separate facts from answers.
- 2. Set the facts aside and deal out all the answers.
- 3. Place a bucket or container in easy reach of all players.
- 4. Dealer draws a fact stick and reads it; player with the answer drops his/her stick in the bucket. Winner is first player to run out of sticks.