



# NIGHT SIGHT ACTIVITY

This twist on traditional tag challenges players to rely on their other senses rather than sight. The player acting as the predator takes on the role of a nocturnal animal, which makes the game a bit more challenging and fun. You can play with just two people, but the more players you have, the more exciting it becomes!

## Materials:



Blindfold



Noisemaker (like a box of cereal or a maraca)



Large, flat, open space

## How To Play:



Players take turns blindfolded as the predator, using their other senses to catch and tag the prey.



The predator is blindfolded and then spun in a circle three times to disorient them.



Prey players each have a noisemaker that they must shake as they move, helping the predator locate them by sound.



To count as caught, the predator must hold onto the prey for a count of three.



The game ends when all prey players are caught or after three minutes. Feel free to play as often as you like!

## Extra Challenges:



No noisemakers! Take away the noisemakers, predators must rely on their ears and any noise the prey makes to catch them.



Add smells! Many nocturnal animals rely on their sense of smell to pass on information about where they are. Use scented oils to attract or repel other players in the game.

Some ideas for this include: Track by scent, have the prey players hold or wear a strong scent and use that to assist the predator in finding them or use matching scents and have several players hold or wear scents and allow players with matching scents to work together or mark safe locations with a scent and allow players with the same scent to rest there.

## Thinking Questions:



Which predator did you choose to play as? Why?



Was it hard to catch your prey while blindfolded?



Do you think it would be easier to rely on your hearing or your sense of touch if you lost your sight?



What strategies did you use to try and catch prey?



How did being blindfolded change your approach to the game?



# PRAIRIE TRACKS & SCAT MATCHING GAME

Print out and fold the following pages. A picture of a wild animal track or scat along with a few animal suspects are on one side. On the other side is the answer. See if you can match the track or scat with the prairie animal.