

# Man vs Wyld...Life Club

For our Man vs Wyld...Life club we met at a park (you could probably do this in a large backyard) after dark. Everything was done in extremely limited light or else in the dark. We had battery operated lights (they have strobe and spot lights that are surprisingly powerful!) from the dollar store that we used when we needed light. After playing sardines we brought kids to a lit place in the park for the raffle, announcements, new kids and club talk. I think you could do a cricket spit or gross food games with this club theme...our kids won't do that so I didn't put it in, although I think it would've been funny! We had a lot of fun and it was a really easy club to pull off. Make sure if you do it at a park that you get a permit so that the park officials and/or police don't kick you out of the park after dark. Whenever a kid didn't want to do something I would simply tell them that Bear Grylls would do it...that was a pretty good motivator! We did the following games:

**Mixer 1:** Worm egg hunt-We put gummy worms in plastic Easter eggs and hid them all over the park. Each kid/small group of kids was given a light and they went hunting for eggs.

**Participation 1:** We did an egg on spoon relay. This is a typical relay, only you hold the spoon in your mouth, not in your hand. We had two teams and each person put a spoon in their mouth. The teams were split in half and put in two single file lines directly across from each other and some distance apart. One person at the front of the line had an egg on their spoon. They had to run across to the teammate and deposit the egg on their spoon without using their hands. Kids ran back and forth switching the egg from teammate to teammate. If an egg dropped and didn't break then they had to get on the ground and scoop it up without using their hands...if it broke we gave them a new egg.

**Participation 2:** Toe bobbing for worms and fish. We had kids bob with their toes for worms and fish in aloe vera juice. We used gummy worms/fish because our kids wouldn't do it with real ones, but originally I wanted to use real worms. The juice is sticky so make sure you have paper towels for them to wipe their feet off with.

**Mixer 2:** We played sardines in the park. This is the traditional game where one person hides and then everyone spreads out and tries to find them. Once you find the "sardine" you squeeze into the hiding spot with them. Once there's only one kid left looking for the hiding spot, you start the game over. We said the first kid to find the "sardine" got to be the sardine on the next round. It was completely dark, and to add a twist I stood in the middle of the field with a flashlight. If I spotted kids with the flashlight then they would have to freeze for 45 seconds before they could resume looking for the sardine.

**Announcements/Raffle, New Kids, Message**