



Brightwater Site

Pre-Visit Brightwater Game: Owls and Crow Game

Background: The game owls and crows refers to a conflict between the two animals. Owls have been known to hunt crows at night and crows hunt owls during the day. Owls hunt solo and are better equipped for hunting animals but crows can gather in numbers to mob an owl in a tree. The crows will circle the tree while the owl sits in the branches afraid that if it comes out it will be killed. So the conflict goes on and on as the two battling species hunt each other.

How to play the game Owls and Crows:

In the game called owls and crows this conflict continues in a less violent fashion. The players are divided into two teams, crows and owls. You line the two teams up like so, after deciding on a base nearby.

Owl nest

X

X

X

X

X

O C

O C

O C

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O C

Crow nest:

X

X

X

X

X

True = owls chase the crows

False = crows chase the owls

If someone is caught they have to freeze until the end of that round. After the round that player joins the other team. For example if a crow gets caught he or she goes to the owl's team and vice versa. On some statements, there may be some confusion over if it is true or false. In this case the leader waits until everyone seems to be either at home or caught and then says the answer. The people who were wrongly caught are set free and the people who wrongly caught them join the other team.

Below are some statements that will help students learn about Brightwater and, “the owls and the crows.” Other questions on the subject of the outdoors can be used, but they must be true or false statements like these below.

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Questions for Owls and Crows at Brightwater:

1. Boys and Girls are allowed in each other’s cabins. No
2. The cabins at Brightwater have toilets that flush. Yes
3. Bears live at Brightwater. NO – boreal forest
4. Animals are more likely to come into your cabin if you have candy, food and drinks. Yes
5. The tipi door at Brightwater faces north. No
6. You can bring drugs and alcohol to Brightwater. No
7. Your experience at Brightwater will be more enjoyable if you are dressed appropriately. Yes
8. If you see litter anywhere at Brightwater you should pick it up and put it where it belongs. Yes
9. If you are a wolf, you close to the top of the food chain. Yes
10. At Brightwater, you are likely to be eaten by a duck. No
11. Crows can live to be one hundred years old. No
12. When a crow finds a mate, they will normally stay together until one is killed or seriously injured. Yes
13. Crows are only black with no white. Yes
14. Crows attack people only because it’s fun. No
15. A group of crows is called a gaggle. Yes
16. A great horned owl has horns like a bull. No
17. Owls eat everything in their prey and regurgitate the unwanted parts. Yes
18. Owls have excellent night vision. Yes
19. Crows and owls hunt each other. Yes
20. Great horned owl babies take 1-2 months to mature. Yes