



## “ENTERTAINING WITH THE EGG”

Here are some fun games, contests, and group projects you can do with eggs.



“EGG IN A BOTTLE” - See if youth can determine how and why an egg goes into a bottle. Peel the shell off of a hard-cooked egg. Place the egg on the mouth of a narrow mouthed jar. Observe that nothing happens. Now remove the egg and drop *two well-lit matches* into the jar and *quickly* replace the egg. What happened? Can anyone guess why?”



“CAN YOU CRACK THEM”? - You can test the strength of the arch of eggs. Set the test up by flattening 4 pieces of 2” cubes of modeling clay on the tops and bottoms of four raw eggs. Position the eggs so that they evenly support each corner of a 12” x 18” piece of board. Have the contestants guess how much weight or how many books can be used before the eggs break. Place books, one at a time in the middle of the board until the eggs break. Weigh the books and have everyone figure how many pounds or books each egg held.



### “SPINNING EGG” - Raw vs. Cooked Eggs

Have several eggs prepared for this contest, accidents happen. Have a youth spin eggs and observe how they spin and how they behave when they are touched while spinning. See if they can determine which egg is raw and which egg is cooked. Have them explain why they think they have the right answer. A raw egg will wobble because the insides do not move while the egg is spinning.



“IDENTIFY WHOSE EGG” - this contest can be done in two ways. If you have a small poultry group and the kids know each other fairly well, you can have each child bring an egg from their coop (keeping it hidden from others in the group). Have them write a descriptive paragraph about his/her egg. Attach the egg to their paper with a piece of modeling clay mark each paper with a number or letter. Have the group guess who’s eggs are whose. Example: Egg A is Johnny’s, Egg B is Sara’s, Egg C is Michaels, etc. If you are using this with a larger group of students, you can have each student identify the breeds of chickens that they think lay the type of egg entered. Example: Egg A—RIR, Maran, Egg B—White Rocks, Brahmas, etc., Egg C—OEGB, Sebrights, etc.



### “EGG FOOTBALL”

This contest takes blown eggs with a hole in each end and the insides blown out. These eggs are used as footballs. Make a table or use a board to make a football field, marking it to resemble a football field. Students begin blowing the egg toward the opponent’s goal. No touching egg allowed—only breath.

### “EGG RELAY” (a fun indoor contest)

(use hard boiled eggs & have a broom & dust pan handy)



Form teams (four or more members per team) depending on time you have set aside for this game. Using spoons in the mouth for each team member, each individual team member will pass the egg down the line without using their hands. If an egg falls the team member must pick it up with the spoon still in the mouth.

### “EGG RELAY RACE” (a great outdoor contest)

(using uncooked eggs is more fun for the older students)

(use hard boiled for the younger members)



Form two or three member teams. Set up an area the length of your choice. Usually a shorter distance is used for the younger members. Have one team member stand at opposite ends of the run. Using the spoons in the mouth each team member moves to the member at the other end of the run, passes the egg to the next member and that member returns to the opposite end of the run. Teams can either pass the egg over into his/her team members spoon or they may just exchange the spoon & egg from mouth to mouth. If the egg falls they have to pick it up with the spoon, hard boiled or otherwise. NO hands allowed.

### ‘SHOW ROOM SET UP RELAY RACE’ (this takes quite a lot of room, can be done outdoors)

*OBJECTIVE:* see which team can set up a display for their birds the fastest.

Supplies needed: A show cage for each team. Shavings, a stuffed bird or other animal, coop tags, water & feed cup, tables to set up show cage (4’x8’ table holds 2 large fowl show cages). Two person teams. Each team sets up one cage so there is an empty hole.

Set the tables up, separated at 3’ apart. In front of each table, lay folded large fowl cage. Put a bag of shaving between each table. Set feed & water cups and coop tags with pencil on each table.

At the opposite end of the room have each team standing by.

The first team member runs to the table and sets up the cage on the table. He runs back, makes contact with his partner (a touch somehow), the new team member runs down and adds shavings to the cage, he runs back, makes contact with his partner, this partner runs back to the table and puts in the feed & water cups, he runs back, makes contact with his partner, the next partner runs back up, writes out the coop tag (breed, variety, sex, exhibitor number). He runs back to his partner, makes contact and the partner runs up and puts his chicken in the cage.

If there is a tie, the tying teams must do the whole process in reverse, if time.  
This should be a timed event of perhaps 10 minutes, depending on age group.