

Name/Title: Turkey Hunt

Purpose of Event: The purpose of this activity is to roll a ball at a stationary target and protect their turkey from getting hit with a ball.

Prerequisites: The students should have been taught the proper form of rolling a ball. Cues: Face target, hold ball with one or two hands on the side of the body, back swing, step with the opposite foot, and follow through. Release the ball at the foot.

Suggested Grade Level: K-2

Materials Needed: Playground balls or heavy foam balls (enough for half the students), polyspots, plastic soda bottles or plastic bowling pins with turkeys taped to them. Suggestions: Fill bottles with a little water or sand to weigh them down. Ask the classroom teachers ahead of time if they'd like to have their students color the paper turkey cutouts. Then the students can see their own art work on display in the gymnasium!

Description of Idea

Set-Up: Scatter polyspots around the playing area. Set one "turkey" on top of each spot.

Directions: Tell the students they are going on a turkey hunt. How many turkeys they get will determine how well they eat over the vacation!

Divide the class in half. One half of the students will stand near a "turkey" and the other half will have a ball. The students with the balls will use proper rolling technique to attempt to knock over a turkey. The other students will attempt to keep their turkey standing by guarding it. If a turkey gets knocked down, then those two players switch places.

Remind the students that as they guard their turkey, they could be approached from all sides with a ball being rolled at them. They need to be moving around the turkey, and not standing in one place. The students with the balls must stand at least five feet away from the turkey before rolling the ball. If they knock down a turkey with an improper roll, such as an overhand throw or a bouncy roll, the person guarding does not have to switch.

Assessment Ideas:

At the end of class, ask the students what they needed to do to knock down the turkeys. Ask them the proper technique for rolling a ball. Use a checklist or rubrics to assess proper rolling technique.

Adaptations for Students with Disabilities:

Students using wheelchairs can participate by continuing to be ball rollers even after knocking down turkeys. Just have them call out the name of another ball roller and that person can switch in their place.

Submitted by **Dawn Burke** who teaches at Southeastern Elementary in Chesapeake, VA. Thanks for contributing to PE Central! **Posted on PEC: 1/13/2006.**

Visit [S&S Discount](#) for all your physical education equipment and supplies!