# M-A-R-S-H-M-A-L-L-O-W: The Trick Shot Game

# **Description**

This game is similar to the game H-O-R-S-E, which is a common basketball game played among friends. H-O-R-S-E works by having the first player take a basketball shot. If made, the other players try the same shot. The players who fail to replicate the shot will be penalized by receiving a letter of H-O-R-S-E. The next player (player 2) then performs a shot, and so on. Players are (sadly) eliminated when they have all letters, and the game continues until there is only player remaining. M-A-R-S-H-M-A-L-L-O-W is a unique take on this

traditional game by incorporating marshmallow trick shots with teams of two! Instead of making a basketball shot, the team of two will attempt to throw a marshmallow from one teammate into the other teammates' mouth! We also don't have losers or winners in this game. :)

### **Materials**

- 1. Many marshmallows!
- 2. Large cups to hold the marshmallows.

### **Game Setup**

- 1. Find a group of people (ideal range is probably 6-12 people).
- 2. Create teams of 2 from the group. If an odd number of people, find another person. :)
- 3. Teammates choose their trick shot names among themselves: either "the marsh" or "the mellow". You really can't go wrong here. :D
- 4. Label the cups 1 through the number of teams. Fill them (to the top) with marshmallows and randomly give the cups to teams.

#### Rules

- 1. Team 1 (indicated by the cup number) goes first by performing a trick shot. "the marsh" and "the mellow" can decide who's throwing and catching each time around.
- 2. If team 1 successfully completes a trick shot, the other teams try to do the same. Failure to do so results in a letter, and so on.
- 3. Terminate the game before someone gets all the letters of M-A-R-S-H-M-A-L-L-O-W. We don't want anyone to feel left out. :)

# **Valid Trick Shots**

- 1. Teammates must stand at least 5 feet away from each other.
- Prior to throwing, the thrower must say the following: "marshmallow trick shot: <dramatic pause> [TRICK SHOT NAME] edition"
  - a. TRICH SHOT NAME suggestions:
    - i. behind the back
    - ii. off the wall
    - iii. eyes closed
    - iv. volleyball serve
    - v. punt
  - b. Failure to say this phrase results in redoing the shot if it was successful.



