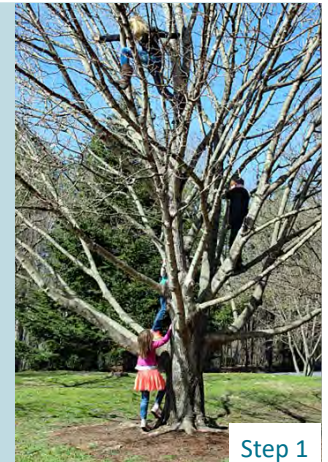


You will need:

- Trees
- Hula hoops
- Pool noodles
- Pencils or wooden dowels
- Rubber mallet
- Water hose
- Old tarp or plastic drop cloth
- Baby shampoo
- Rope
- Old tire



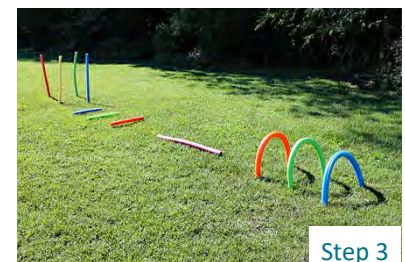
Step 1

Directions: Try your skill at the different activities listed below.

1. Find a sturdy tree to climb.
2. Lay out some hula hoops so that you have to put one foot in each hoop while running.
3. Create a tunnel to crawl under by placing some pencils or wooden dowels in the ground standing up and by placing the ends of the pool noodles on them. Space the pencils or dowels far enough apart to create a u shape with the pool noodles. See how fast you can crawl under the noodles. You can also use dowels to make a pool noodle balance beam to walk on. Then you can create some short hurdles with the noodles and pencils. Finally, you can stand the noodles on end and set them up offset so you have to run around them. Use the rubber mallet to pound your dowels into the ground leaving enough to attach your noodles.
4. Find a hill or long slope for your water slide. You will need to have a long enough water hose to reach the slide. Use an old tarp or some plastic sheeting (from a hardware store) to make your slide. Run the hose and add some baby shampoo to make it good and slippery.
5. Find a strong limb for your tire swing. Make sure your rope is in good shape. You can tie a short stick to one end of the rope to help you throw it over the limb. Once you have the rope in place, you can attach it to your tire. Make sure your knots are good and tight. Test your tire swing.
6. Show us your backyard activity course on our Facebook page “Adventures in EdZooCation” or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5