

# CROSS THE RIVER

## MATERIALS:

- Hula Hoops
- Pieces of Cardboard/plywood (various shapes and sizes)
- Cones

## DESCRIPTION:

Students work in groups to “cross the river” without falling in. They do so by stepping on movable lily pads (hula hoops & pieces of cardboard/plywood).

## DIRECTIONS:

- Cut out various shapes and sizes of cardboard/plywood
- Create a river by setting up cones spaced about 100 feet apart
- Divide class into four equal groups
- Each group lines up (single file behind the starting cone)
- Each group gets the same set of “lily pads”
- The object of the game is to get all group members from one side of the river (cone) to the other side of the river (cone) without stepping off of the “lily pads”
- Lily pads can be moved as long as no one is standing on them.
- If all group members cannot get across at one time, send one member back to get another group across. This may happen several times depending on the number of group members.

## FACILITATOR NOTES:

- The idea is that groups must strategize to get group members across the river quicker than the other teams. The pieces of cardboard/plywood should not be large enough to hold more than 2-3 people.
- If someone steps off of a lily pad, he/she must go back to the starting cone.

