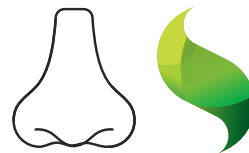


Find Your Tree

Materials: Blindfolds, possibly journals and pencils.

Instructions Con't:

- Once at the tree, gently guide your partner's hands to the tree so they can feel it. Now, the partner who is blindfolded gets to use their senses to listen, touch and smell the tree. Once confident in their ability to identify it, the blindfolded partner informs the seeing partner, who slowly winds them around the game area and back to the starting point where the blindfold is removed.



- Now, without the blindfold on your partner must try to find the tree!

Discussion Questions:

How was the tree identified? Answer(s) will vary depending on the variety of trees in the chosen game area of the playground. Ask participants to talk about the size of the tree, its branches, the texture of the bark and leaves or needles. Ask players what they could smell or hear around the tree that helped them to identify it. What differences did participants find in the leaves, needles, bark, or branches? Ask what makes different trees useful to different species of wildlife? Together, brainstorm the uses for trees both alive and when they are dead.