

ABORIGINAL

**WHY
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Traditional Games

TRADITIONALLY: Traditional games/sports were played for *hunting skills, learning tools, spiritual learning, and entertainment*. Games were symbolic of specific seasons and there were 3 kinds of games; chance, strategy and lifestyle. All served an important purpose in traditional society because basic educational skills like math, probability and strategy were learned through many of the games played.

NOW: Today, games are used to bring us back to nature and our way of life. We play the same games that have been passed down from generations and share in the traditions of our ancestors that also keep us connected to our roots.

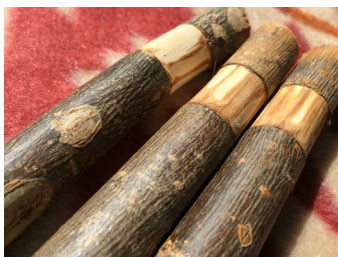
Traditionally

Hand Games - Often the games were played to gamble for bullets, furs, dogs, toboggans, or stick matches.



Two Teams play by hiding and guessing where each members stone is. They use hand signals and gestures to guess the other teams stones.

Scream and Run - Scream and run was a traditional game of the Blackfeet, a skill developed for warriors to intimidate the enemy.



Each player designs their own screaming stick, at the start point players take turns going the farthest while screaming one breath and dropping the stick. Farthest stick, wins.

Today

Hand Games - Today, it is played in cultural centers, pow wows and other events as a friendly competition fostering community pride.

Scream and Run— People from all ages play this game to build confidence, develop vocal chords and friendly competition.

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