

PENNY PITCH

What's a good carnival without a game of penny pitch? Pitch your coins or small objects into jelly jars – everyone is a winner. In the 1800's many German immigrants would have carnivals or "Fastnacht." Although the festival and party season in Germany starts as early as the beginning of January, the actual carnival week starts on the Thursday ("Altweiberfastnacht") before Ash Wednesday.



GRACES

The game of Graces was considered both proper and beneficial exercise for young ladies in the early 1800's and it was proper as well for boys to join in as a "lark." Also known as Les Graces or the Flying Circle, opponents send gaily beribboned hoops whirling towards each other to be caught on the tips of slender wands in this exciting and elegant sport.

GOLD PANNING

The California Gold Rush (1848–1855) began on January 24, 1848, when gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill. These early gold-seekers, called "forty-niners," traveled to California by sailing ship and in covered wagons across the continent, often facing substantial hardships on the trip. At first, the prospectors retrieved the gold from streams and riverbeds using simple techniques, such as panning, and later developed more sophisticated methods of gold recovery that were adopted around the world.



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Come join the St. John's Teen Ministries and play period games from the 1800's.

Everyone is a winner.

Earn tickets that you can exchange for prizes

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Celebration and their history.

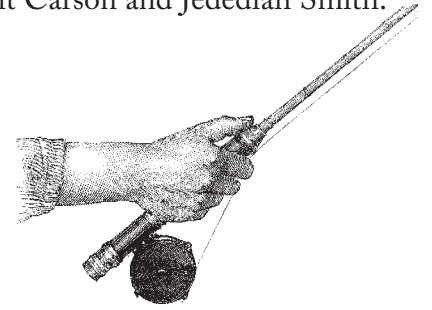
TUG OF WAR

The name Tug-O-War comes from those crews that hauled on the ropes to power the Man-O-War Ships. The modern version of tug-of-war may have descended from sailors on British naval ships and later those on trading ships traveling to and from the Far East.



FISHING

In the 1800's the west was traveled by trappers and fishermen called Mountain Men. Every year the Mountain Men would gather at a rendezvous for an annual trading event. Merchants would meet with the trappers at a midway point and exchange goods for pelts. The rendezvous was also a party that included drinking, gambling, fighting, and mayhem. The rendezvous could last for two weeks or until all trading was accomplished. Famous mountain men included James Beckwourth, Kit Carson and Jedediah Smith.



GUNNY SACK RACES

The sack race is a competitive game in which participants place both of their legs inside a sack and hop from a starting point toward a finish line. The first person to reach the finish line is the winner of the race. In United Kingdom schools, the sack race often takes place on Sports Day, alongside numerous other events such as the egg and spoon race.

BEAN BAG TOSS

American kids began playing with beanbags in the 1820s. They filled the bags with whatever was available like dry beans, sand, or small pebbles. Kids will have a chance to toss bean bags through circles cut out of a western wooden backdrop.