

Houston Zoo at Home

LEMURS

Leaping Lemurs

Ages 4 and up

One thing lemurs are known for is giant bounds, leaps and hops. This includes the lemurs at the Houston Zoo, like Echo. Being one of our youngest lemurs, Echo, is known for popping around like popcorn with lots of energy! See if you can be a popcorn kernel too!

Materials Needed:

Hula hoop, mat or another round or square item you can stand on

Steps:

1. Place the hula hoops as close as you can together then have everyone stand inside it.
2. Once everyone is inside their hoop, have everyone switch hoops.
3. After switching hoops, have everyone take two steps away from each other and place their hoop back down on the ground and stand in it. Then try to switch hoops again.
4. Keep repeating the above steps to see how far you can leap from hoop to hoop.

Stink Battle

Ages 4 and up

Lemurs have an interesting way of claiming their territory, with stink fights! They take their tails and rub it on a gland in their wrists. Then, the lemurs will flick their tails in the direction of another lemur. What if you communicated with your family through a stink fight?!

Materials Needed:

- Cotton Balls or other absorbent and soft item
- Unique smell for each player
- Designated space for running/hiding

Steps:

1. Designate a playing space suitable for running.
2. Give each family member a safe zone and make sure you mark off the safe zone.
3. Divide the same amount of cotton balls for each family member, then have each family member spray their cotton balls with a unique scent (perfume or cologne, body spray, or even something like garlic or onion).
4. On the count of 3, try to get your scent onto another player without them getting their scent on you.

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