Pick A Tree

Many wonderful tree species call the bay area home! This fun game celebrates plant diversity while helping us remember some key characteristics of common, native species.

Directions

1) To begin, all players need to know the four tree species and their pose. Share out loud the Tree Species facts and corresponding pose at the bottom of this page.

2) One player starts off as the leader and stands with their back turned from the rest of the group. The group, be it one person or 100 people, also stands with their backs turned. Everyone then silently picks one of the four trees to represent.

3) The player who’s the leader calls out “1, 2, 3, Pick A Tree!” On the word “Tree” everyone turns to face each other while standing in one of the four tree species poses.

4) If a player in the group choose the same tree and is standing in the same pose as the leader, they’re out. If a player picked a different tree than the leader they stay for the next round.

5) The game continues until only one person is left and ends when the last standing tree and the leader have the same pose. For the next game, the last standing tree is now the leader.

Redwood
Redwoods are the tallest tree in the world! Stand with your arms stretched above you.

Oak
Old oaks grow large gnarled limbs. Hold your arms to the side like old oak limbs.

Willow
Willows love water. Stand with your arms reaching down like roots dipping into the stream.

Manzanita
With beautiful red bark, this tree is small and shrub like. Crouch down for this one.