

## 1. Bounce House Buddy Tag

**Objective:** Find your "Bounce House Buddy" while hopping around.

**Setup:** Before the game starts, each child is given a colored wristband or a small piece of cloth. Make sure there are pairs of each color.

**How to Play:** Kids bounce around trying to find the person with the matching wristband or cloth. Once they find their buddy, they link arms and continue bouncing together until everyone finds their match.

### 2. Balloon Bouncing Bash

**Objective:** Keep the balloons in the air while learning each other's names.

**Setup:** Write each child's name on a balloon. Inflate the balloons and spread them around the bounce house.

**How to Play:** Kids bounce around and try to keep the balloons in the air. Each time a child hits a balloon, they have to say the name on the balloon. This helps them learn each other's names in a fun and active way.

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#### 3. Bubble Bounce Mania

Objective: Pop as many bubbles as possible while bouncing.

**Setup:** Use a bubble machine or have adults blow bubbles inside the bounce house.

How to Play: As the kids bounce around, they try to pop as many bubbles as they can.

The child who pops the most bubbles within a set time wins a small prize.

#### 4. Bounce House Musical Mats

**Objective:** Be the last one standing on a mat when the music stops.

**Setup:** Place soft mats or colored circles inside the bounce house. There should be one fewer mat than the number of children.

**How to Play:** Play music and let the kids bounce around. When the music stops, they must find and stand on a mat. Remove one mat each round until one child is left standing

# **5. Bounce House Simon Says**

Objective: Follow the commands of "Simon" while bouncing.

**Setup:** Designate one child as "Simon" or take turns being Simon.

**How to Play:** Simon gives commands like "Simon says touch your toes" or "Simon says do a jumping jack." The twist is that everyone must do the actions while bouncing. If Simon doesn't say "Simon says" before the command, those who follow the command are out. The last child remaining wins.

## 6. Superhero Bounce Challenge

**Objective:** Complete superhero-themed challenges by rescuing stuffed animals or defeating villains.

**Setup:** Create an obstacle course within the bounce house using soft objects and place stuffed animals and toy villains around the area.

**How to Play:** Kids take turns navigating the obstacle course, pretending to be superheroes. They must rescue the stuffed animals and defeat the toy villains as they bounce through the course. These challenges encourage imaginative play and physical activity, adding an exciting superhero twist to the fun.



### 7. Bounce House Tug of War

Objective: Pull the opposing team across a designated line while bouncing.

**Setup:** Use a soft rope for safety and mark a line in the bounce house to serve as the pulling boundary.

**How to Play:** Divide the kids into two teams. Each team grabs onto the rope and tries to pull the other team across the designated line while bouncing. The element of bouncing adds unpredictability and extra fun to this classic game, making it a thrilling and dynamic challenge.

## 8. Flag Tag

**Objective:** Collect as many streamers from other kids while protecting your own streamer.

**Setup:** Cut streamers into 1-foot (30 cm) lengths and use different colors. Give each child one streamer and have them tuck one end into their waistband.

**How to Play:** Once the game starts, kids run around the bounce house trying to grab the streamers from other players while keeping their own streamer secure. When a child's streamer is pulled out, they must leave the game or sit down. The winner is the last child remaining with their streamer still attached.

### 9. Balloon Assault

**Objective:** Toss balloons of your team's color to the opponent's side while keeping their balloons on your side.

**Setup:** Inflate 10 balloons each of two different colors. Mark the center of the bounce house with duct tape or have the kids imagine an imaginary line dividing the bounce house into two equal sides. Assign one color to each side.

**How to Play:** Have the kids line up on opposite sides of the bounce house, with each side assigned a balloon color (e.g., one side gets blue balloons, the other side gets red). Release all 20 balloons into the bounce house. Each team's goal is to toss the balloons of their own color to the opponent's side while trying to keep the other team's balloons from crossing the line. After 2–3 minutes, count the number of balloons of each color on each side. The team with the fewest of the opponent's balloons wins. Repeat the game as many times as you like.



# 10. Silent Bounce Challenge

**Objective:** Bounce without making a sound for as long as possible.

**Setup:** Gather the kids and explain the rules.

How to Play: The children bounce in silence. If someone makes a sound, they are out.

The last one bouncing silently wins.

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