STEAL THE BACON

**Origin:** United States

**Number of Participants:** 20 to 30

**Age:** 7 and older

**Gross Motor Rating:** Low

**Competition Level:** Low

**Area:** Gym or outdoor

**Equipment:** Indian club or plastic bowling pin

**How to Play:** Divide the players into two teams. The teams line up facing each other, 20 to 30 feet apart. Number the players on both teams so the players with the same numbers are at a diagonal from each other. Place the bowling pin in the center of the open area. The leader calls out a number. The two players with that number run to the pin. Each player tries to grab the pin and run with it back to his team's line without getting tagged by the player from the other team. If the runner makes it back to his line, he scores a point. If his opponent tags him, he does not score. Following each number called out, the leader replaces the pin and calls a new number. Occasionally, the players in the center are reluctant to grab the pin or spend time circling the pin. In this case, the leader may decide to call another number to come to the center to stimulate play. If after a reasonable period of time no one grabs the pin, the leader should instruct the players to return to their lines and calls a new number. The leader must be the only one calling numbers. Play the game for a designated period of time or to a preset score.

**Adaptations:**

1. Rather than merely calling out numbers at random, call out simple math problems. When the players solve the problem, the players whose numbers are the solution to the problem run out to try for the pin.

**Did You Know?** Most people think of the Declaration of Independence, signed in 1776, as the beginning of the United States. United States independence, however, was not official until the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

**Culture Quest** What rights are included in the Declaration of Independence?