Pool Noodle Name Game

The Adventure:
Stand in a big circle. One Scout will stand in the middle of the circle, and this Scout should be at least two big steps away from the other Scouts forming the circle. The Scout in the middle should have a pool noodle. Go around the circle and share your names (if you don’t already all know each other).

The game begins with the Scout in the middle saying his or her name, and then the name of another Scout. The Scout in the middle then races to the Scout whose name he or she called and tries to tag that person with the pool noodle. Meanwhile, the Scout whose name was called tries to call his or her own name, followed quickly by the name of another Scout in the circle. If the Scout can do this before getting tagged, then the Scout in the middle has to race to tag the Scout whose name was called. If a Scout is tagged before saying his or her own name and the name of another Scout, then he or she is “it”, and takes over the pool noodle in the middle of the circle.

Plan:
- When and where will you play this game?
- How can players remember everyone’s names?
- What does it take to be a good listener when names are shared at the start of the game?
- What materials do you need to play this game?
- How can you play this game if you don’t have a pool noodle?

Do:
- Play the Pool Noodle Name Game, and get to know all the Scouts in your Troop!

Review:
- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- What was your favourite part of this game?
- What would you change if you were to play this game again?
- When else might you play this game?

Online Resources:
- Name Games

Safety note:
What should people be wearing on their feet for this game?

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