

## Mary Todd Lincoln House Family Fun

# Outdoor Games

The Todd and Lincoln families liked to play outside! Growing up in downtown Lexington, Kentucky, the Todd kids waded and fished for minnows in the Town Branch Creek. As a young man, Abraham Lincoln enjoyed outdoor sports from handball to wrestling. When their father was president, Willie and Tad Lincoln played on the White House lawn—and roof! Here are some of the games they enjoyed:

### Blind Man's Buff

This game was at least 300 years old when President Lincoln played it with his son Tad. The Lincolns played inside the White House, but it's better to play outdoors.

#### You will need

- A scarf or strip of cloth
- At least 3 players

#### Get ready

- Explain the goal: to tag a player while blindfolded.
- Choose one player to be blindfolded.
- Tie the cloth around his or her head to cover the eyes.

#### Get set

- Put the blindfolded player in the middle of the playing area.
- Spin him or her around three times while the other players scatter around the area.

#### Go!

- Players can move around the playing area while the blindfolded player tries to tag them.
- To speed up play, shout "Freeze" to make everyone stand in place until someone is tagged.
- The tagged player is the next person to be blindfolded.



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