



You don't have to have a pool or even string up more than one race. Just a fun idea!

I grabbed some string, duct tape, scissors and plastic cups to set it up. I used my husband's drill to put the holes in the cups. It didn't take long before I had the three stages of the obstacle course ready to go.

I put the first stage under a balcony in our backyard.



The second stage lead them from the balcony across the patio to a grassy area in the backyard.

Once they crossed the patio and reached the tree it was time for them to hop in the shallow end of the pool.



Splashing water from the pool in the cups was considered cheating, they could only use their squirt guns! Treading water and squirting water guns was harder than they thought.

Once they completed the obstacle course, I had them take another round by going through the course again.



This time they had to squirt the bottom of the cups until they got them back to the original starting point. If you have a large group of kids, time how long it takes for each of them to complete the course. Then compare everyone's times to see who the winner is.