

Spoons Game

How to Play Spoons

Spoons (adapted from Source 1) is a clever card game that can be played by children and adults. This card game also goes by the names Pig and Tongue. Despite the name, spoons are not necessary to play those versions of the game. This fun, family game can accommodate a large number of players.

Players - Four on each team.

Cards - A standard 52-card deck - for this version, one deck is enough cards for 12 students.

Setup: For each player in the game, you need four cards of the same rank from the deck. For example, with 4 players, you could use the Aces, 2s, 3s, and 4s.

To play the Spoons version, you also need one spoon for each player except one.

Example: With four players, you need three spoons. For Pig and Tongue, no extra equipment is needed.

Goal: The goal of the game is to be the first to collect four cards of the same rank. If an opponent beats you to that goal, try not to be the last to realize it.

Shuffle the cards, and deal them to the players. Each player will have four cards. If you're playing Spoons, put the spoons in the middle of the table, so every player can reach them.

Game Play: Players simultaneously choose one card from their hands, pass that card to the opponent on their left, and pick up the card they've received from the opponent on their right. No player can have more than four cards in his hand, so it's illegal for a player to pick up a new card before passing one to the left. When a player collects four of a kind, he/she does one of the following actions, depending on which version of the game is being played.

Spoons: As subtly as possible, take a spoon and place it in front of yourself.

Pig: Quietly place a finger on the tip of your nose.

Tongue: Quietly, but visibly, stick out your tongue.

When one player does this, every other player must do likewise as quickly as possible. The last player to grab a spoon, touch his nose, or stick out his tongue is the loser.

Optional: While playing Spoons or Tongue, players who either take a spoon or stick out their tongue can continue to pick up and pass cards, making it more difficult for other players to realize what has happened. The player who collects four cards of the same rank must always pass the card they just picked up because passing any other card would break up their four-of-a-kind. This option is not available when playing Pig since one of your hands will be occupied with touching your nose.

Winning the Round: The last player to grab a spoon, touch their nose, or stick out their tongue is the person to take a card from the vocabulary pile. Once the card is read and repeated by the rest of the students, shuffle the deck of cards, and play again. Continue playing until you have been through all eight of the vocabulary cards.



Vocabulary Cards

Natural Resources

Resource

Use

Manage

Develop

Care

Property

Stewardship



Vocabulary Cards

a place or thing that provides something useful

sources of life, materials, or energy that we are able to get naturally from the earth

be in charge of, run, be head of, head, direct, control, preside over, lead, govern, rule, command, supervise, oversee, administer, organize, conduct, handle, guide

the way in which land can be interacted with based on regulations

providing for something in a positive way

to aid in growth, maturation, or expansion

As Wyoming citizens, we are stewards entrusted with the responsible development, care, and use of our resources to benefit current and future generations.

land mass of varying size



Vocabulary

Name: _____

<u>Word</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Picture</u>





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Mystery Steward



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Wyoming Conservation Corp crew tackles erosion on Casper's Bridle Trail

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Tanned, muscled arms stacked boulder after boulder along a dirt ledge on Casper Mountain Thursday morning. The ledge had been rounded off by erosion, time, the mountain's runoff and meandering hikers.

The group of college-aged men and women wore dirt-smudged shirts and sturdy khaki pants. They are accustomed to days under the hot sun and nights under the stars. They don't mind going 10 days without a shower.

They are the Wyoming Conservation Corps. And this week, eight of them are tackling restoration on virtually every inch of Casper Mountain's Bridle Trail.

"A big part of why we're here is erosion control," crew leader and Thermopolis native Michael Vassar, 22, said while hiking up the trail Thursday morning. He stopped to point out a three-foot-long arc the crew cut into the ground earlier in the week. The arc is called a knick. It diverts rainfall and snowmelt off the trail and down a nearby slope.

Much of the erosion could have been prevented, Vassar said. But with little official maintenance on the trail over its 75-year life span, the Bridle Trail has at points eroded beyond recognition. Deer and wayward hikers have forged what have become at times confusing short cuts and dead-ends.

To clarify the trail's route, the conservation crew is decommissioning many of these dizzying minitrails this week. They are stacking logs and downed trees along the well-trod footpaths to discourage use of certain short cuts.

Eventually, vegetation will regrow, Vassar said.

"But for it to grow back, we need people to not be walking on it," he said.

Years of off-trail wandering and unnecessary erosion have been particularly hard on the trail's natural surroundings, said crew leader and recent University of Wyoming graduate



*From left, Wyoming Conservation Corps members Anna Kramer, Andrew Mittelstadt, Lee Rogers and Phineas Peake rebuild a stone retaining wall along the Bridle Trail on Casper Mountain. An eight-person WCC crew is spending 10 days making improvements and repairs to the trail.
Alan Rogers, Star Tribune*



Alyssa Engdahl, 23.

"You've just got all this impact on the environment that doesn't need to be there," Engdahl said. Erosion creates new paths, which people start using, which creates more erosion, she said.

The crew is digging gullies into the ground during steep stretches of the trail to strategically direct water away and preserve the crew's work for years to come.

Life on the trail

Each day, the crew hikes single file up the Bridle Trail, yellow hardhats strapped to their dusty backpacks. They pack in their lunches and the day's water supply and take turns making dinner. Their 10-day stints in Wyoming's rugged outdoors are bookended by four-day vacations.

It's a rigorous lifestyle, but one crew members love.

Of all the trails he has worked on throughout his four years with conservation corps across the West, Vassar said Casper Mountain's Bridle Trail is unique. The trail is unusually hard on the knees and is mostly unmanaged. Few signs offer guidance along the way. Cut-offs often lead to nowhere. For all intents and purposes, there's no functioning map.

But for all of the above, Vassar said, it's remarkably well used.

Hikers and their dogs passed the crew as they worked on their retaining wall Thursday morning.

"It's fairly stable," crew member and UW political science major Andrew Middelstadt said while balancing on top of a rock he had just inserted into the wall. "Surprisingly, for a couple of college students who aren't engineering majors."

By the time the crew is finished with their work, the Bridle Trail will be safer and easier to navigate than ever before.

"With the man- and woman-power they have up there, it'll be noticeable improvements," Natrona County Parks Director Dick O'Hearn said. O'Hearn said he and the crew leaders flagged about two dozen points along the trail for crew members to focus on. Each point needed an improvement — whether for safety, preservation, or navigability, he said.

"I gave them plenty of latitude," O'Hearn said. "Go ahead and have some fun with some of these areas. And they've done just that."

Though the Wyoming Conservation Corps crew will be finished with its work by Wednesday, Bridle Trail users can ensure the path stays safe and preserved.

Stay on the trail, Vassar said, and don't kick away structures.

"Outside of that, have fun," he said. "We're doing this for the enjoyment of the trail."

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