



Invasive Species Relay Race

Clarissa Chairez- UF/IFAS Extension Orange County
Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator



Materials

- Pom-Pom Balls or Ping Pong Balls (1 per student)
- Painters Tape or Duct Tape
- Plastic spoons (1 per student)
- Handheld fans (1 per team)
- Buckets (1 per team)

Directions

- We will play 4 rounds
- Each group line up behind the starting line
- When one group member crosses the finish line, the next group member can begin
- Each round will be a different task!

Round 1

Each member will receive their own spoon.

Placing the spoon in your mouth, you must balance the pop-pom ball on the spoon and place it in the bucket at the finish line.

Round 2

Using a fan, you must blow your pop-pom ball from the starting line to the finish line.

Round 3

Every group member will get a piece of tape around their hand. Keeping your hand flat and your palm facing the floor, you must carry the pom-pom ball from the starting line to the finish line.

If it falls, you must use the tape to pick it up!

Round 4- Final Round!

One at a time, each member will crawl from the starting line to the finish line and must use one of the 3 methods to bring their pom pom (plastic spoon, tape, or fan!)

Each method of our relay represents a method of how invasive species spread!

- Seeds spread by wind
- Birds (they eat the seeds and poop them out!)
- Crawling/Spreading plants
- Seeds stick to another surface and are carried away