Make a paper baton

Take an old newspaper or some junk mail or wrapping paper and roll several sheets into a **longish**, **thinish cone**. Tape the edges.

It should be about 2 to 2.5 feet long, soft enough not to cause harm but stiff enough to not flop around.



Play

- 1. Set up a line of chairs, a little curvy to ensure everyone is about the same distance from where you've placed the baton on a box or table or stool.
- **2.** Have the students sit in no particular order. Everyone should have a clear path to the box. Give them a few minutes to see the baton, explore the space, and try out the path.



Hunter-Hunted

Play

- **3.** Have them close their eyes while you cross behind and select two students using a gentle shoulder tap. The students who weren't chosen can open their eyes.
- **4.** <u>Get out of the way!</u> On your **1-2-3-GO**, the two players with eyes still closed -- run to the box.
 - The objective for BOTH is to get the baton. THAT'S ALL.
 - Subsequent actions are to kill or get to safety before being killed.
 - Killing is whacking the hunted with the baton. Safety is sitting in the hunter's seat.

Simple but not easy. Be bold but not foolish.

Tricks and **subterfuge** and **misdirection** are completely acceptable.

The only way to cheat is to **open your eyes.**



Exciting variations

- Place the chairs in two lines with the baton in between.
- Place the chairs in a circle with the baton in the middle.
- Invent something. Make up some rules.

Debrief

Hunter-Hunted can be frightening, overwhelming, hilarious, nauseating, thrilling, bizarre. Somebody might get a little bruised. Some people might not want to play at first. Or ever.

It's important to **talk about** what the students experienced, felt, thought, and observed after each round.