



# No Teeth!



<i>Objective</i>	This silly game will help players remember the name of an invasive plant.
<i>Audience</i>	5-15 players; ages 5+
<i>Duration</i>	10 minutes
<i>Materials</i>	None
<i>Background</i>	It has been said that repeating something multiple times helps us commit it to memory. This fun and simple word game gives players a memorable opportunity to get familiar with the name of an invasive plant.
<i>Procedure</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The <b>goal</b> of this game is to be the last person in the circle.</li><li>2. Start the game by having everyone sit or stand in a circle.</li><li>3. Explain that you are going to be passing a word – the name of an invasive plant – around the circle. Have the group practice passing the word around the circle – each player should turn their head to the person they are passing the word to and make eye contact while passing the word. Stop practicing once the word has gone all the way around.</li><li>4. Next, add an extra word to the game. This word should be a little bit longer/harder to say. It could be the name of another invasive plant, a treatment method, or something like the phrase “Habitat Restoration.” Explain that this extra word changes the direction the original word is traveling around the circle.</li><li>5. Now for the fun part! Participants must pass the main word around the circle <i>without</i> showing their teeth. Players’ teeth must always be covered – even when it isn’t their turn. If a player shows their teeth at any time, they are out. Laughing with your teeth covered is nearly impossible, so typically if someone laughs, they are out. When someone is out, they must leave the circle, but can still participate by trying to make those players still in the circle laugh. Don’t forget you can use the extra word to change direction!</li><li>6. The last player remaining in the circle is the winner!</li></ol>
<i>Variation</i>	Try a few rounds, introducing different invasive plant names each time, like: honeysuckle, buckthorn, garlic mustard, wild parsnip, bittersweet.

*Inspiration Sources – School and camp activities of our youth; activities redesigned for our purposes.*