

# Cruise Ship: A Pool Relay

Anchors away! Challenge your child to a race across the pool and engage him in a game of Cruise Ship! It's an exciting race game that pits teams against each other to see who can bring the most toy soldiers from one end of the pool to the other. But here's the catch: they must float the whole way over, carrying the toys on their stomach or back while trying not to drop any! Help your child stay active and cool this summer with this perfect water game that will add a little excitement to your next pool day.



## What You Need:

- Little plastic toys, such as toy soldiers
- At least four kids in the pool

## What to Do:

1. Search your house for some plastic toys. Toy soldiers work very well!
2. Pick a starting line and a finish line in the pool. If you're a family of older children who are strong swimmers, make it a longer course. If you're family has many younger children, make it across the shortest length in the shallow end.
3. Divide players into two teams, and have each team pick one player to be their captain. The rest of the players will be the "cruise ships" floating back and fourth across the pool on their stomachs or backs.
4. Give each team the same number of plastic toys to be the "passengers" on the cruise ships. Team members will transport the passengers from one end of the pool to the other carrying them on their backs or stomachs. Try to keep as many passengers on the cruise ship as possible!
5. The team that gets the most passengers to the finish line wins. You can also play this as "Cargo Ship". Have players transport other objects, such as balls or pennies, instead of passengers. It's a great way to add some extra fun to your next pool day!



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