

MARCH 19 – IN 1932 THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE WAS OPENED

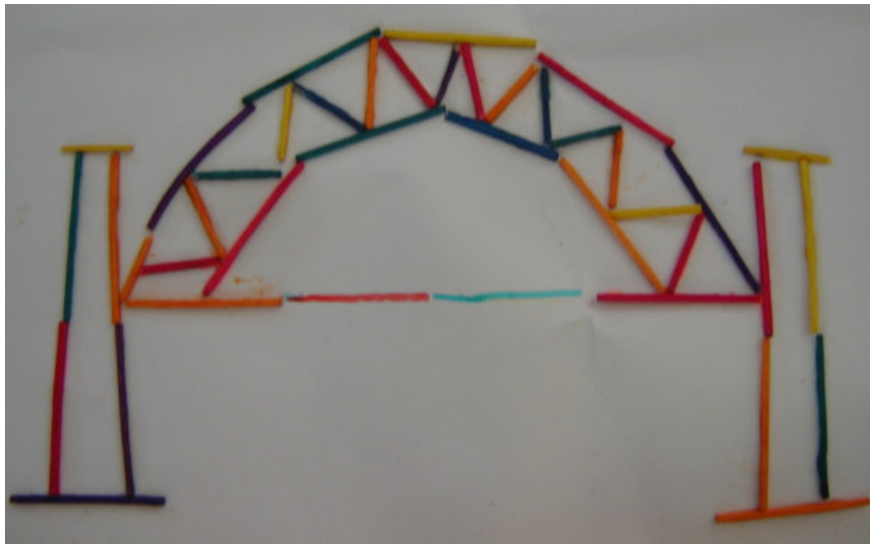
SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BIRTHDAY

CRAFT

MATCHSTICK PICTURES - Have fun making your own picture of the Old Coathanger!

You need: A4 light board, any colour (black looks stunning)

PVA glue (if it is thick, water down a bit) and small brushes



Multi coloured match sticks

Scissors or craft knife for
Leaders to cut match sticks

Whatever you need to hang
the pictures- hangers,
frames, ribbons etc

Some pictures of the Bridge
to remind Joeys what it
looks like.

MONTAGE (this activity will need 2 weeks' notice)

Ask the Joeys to collect pictures of the Bridge. Along with the Leaders' ongoing collection, make a big poster montage of your pictures with *Happy Birthday to our Bridge!* across the top. See how inventive you can be to make your montage big, bright and happy.

Take a photo of the Mob in front of the finished poster and submit it to your Local Newspaper.

PLAY ACTING

Preparation: make up some cards with pictures of "Sydney sights"- e.g. Centrepont tower, Opera House, surfboard riders, lighthouse, ferry, seagulls squawking for food, Luna Park entrance.

Divide Joeys into groups of 4 and let each group pick a card. With the assistance of a Leader or Helper, give them a few minutes to work out how they will mime or pose as their card suggests.

Each group does their act with the others guessing what they are.

When everyone has finished, Leader gets everyone together to make the Bridge!

GAMES

BRIDGE TAG

Similar to Stuck in the Mud. Play a game of Tag but the tagged Joey must stand still with their legs apart and hands over their head. Another Joey can un-freeze them by being the "ferry under the Bridge" and crawl through the legs.

OR the tagged Joey can get back into the game if two other Joeys make a bridge for the stuck Joey to swim under.

CHARLIE OVER THE WATER

Joey Scouts make a very tight circle in the middle of the play area. Have one Joey "Charlie" in the middle of the circle. Define two "safe zones" that they will run to.

Join hands and pump your hands up and down to the chant beat:

Charlie over the water, Charlie over the sea

Charlie caught a fish but he can't catch ME!

Immediately, the circle breaks up and runs to the safe zones with Charlie trying to tag someone. The tagged person becomes the next Charlie.

ACROSS THE HARBOUR

Draw 2 chalk lines or lay two lines of masking tape on the floor about 3 metres apart. These are the banks of Sydney Harbour.

Borrow some long ropes from Scouts, 8 metres long.

You can divide the Joeys into small teams, pairs or even individuals for this activity, but try to match sizes and strengths first. Finish with half the Mob each side!

Have tug-o-wars between the North and South sides to see who can pull the others into the drink!

THE BROKEN DOWN FERRY

Equipment: Sugar sacks, thick cardboard from packing box or similar. Ropes.

Method: Mark a line on the floor at one side of the hall with chalk or tape to define Circular Quay ferry wharf. Make several wharves sticking out, one for each group of 4 Joey Scouts.

One Joey from each group is a ferry coming in to the wharf. They are at the other side of the hall, sitting on a sack or piece of board- BUT the ferry has broken down and cannot move! The ferry lets out a big TOOT TOOT! to the Wharfies. The Wharfies (the remaining three Joeys) have to throw their rope from the wharf and haul in the ferry.

Change around so everyone gets a go at being towed.

Variation: Have a Leader on the sack as the QE2 and get the Joey Wharfies to pull her into the berth!!