

Baskeetoss

Tossing a “mega-skeeter” into a basket of mosquito net



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Baskeetoss is an activity for use as a fundraiser and/or entertainment. Participants toss a stuffed mega-mosquito (see top of hoop in the pictures) into a basket covered with mosquito net. However, since the malaria-carrying anopheles mosquito comes out at night in homes that often lack lighting, participants are blindfolded to simulate darkness (see eye mask and glasses with covered lenses hanging at the top of the basket). The distance of the “shooting line” may be varied to increase or decrease the difficulty.

Participants might compete in a game of M-A-L-A-R-I-A or H-E-A-L-T-H (instead of “H-O-R-S-E”) by taking turns shooting to make baskets. As a fundraiser, participants might pay 25¢ or 50¢ a shot. Perhaps, participants could make donations to join in shooting contests. For younger children, the height of the basket can be lower and/or the blindfold omitted.

For instructions on how to build a baskeetoss and mega-skeeter or to borrow the baskeetoss, contact Mary at marysimonsonclark@gmail.com , 612-636-5104, or 951-933-8836.



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**The female anopheles mosquito bites at night.
It's so very dark inside because there is no light.
With blinders on, can you trap her before she can bite?
It is not so easy when she is out of your sight!**