

## **EAB Freeze Tag**

Choose a couple students to be it—they will be EABs.

Everyone else is ash trees.

When a tree gets tagged, it freezes in place (like freeze tag).

To be unfrozen, two other trees must put their arms around the frozen tree and shout “Save the Trees!”

You can stop the game periodically to talk about the population dynamics of the two groups.

Optional rule: If you are frozen three times, you become an EAB.

## **ALB Amazing Game**

Materials:

New England road map to show where Worcester and Vermont are in relation to each other.

Laminated ALB eggs

Laminated ALBs

3 buckets or small rugs or something to serve as trees. (more if you want a more challenging game for older students)

Firewood pieces

Cones or something to mark the borders of the playing field

Optional:

costumes

1. Talk about ALBs, their life cycle and the Worcester infestation. Share the road map. Ask, “Can we keep ALB’s out of Vermont?”
2. For the game: One line in the grass is Worcester, MA and the other line is the Vermont border.
3. Choose a few foresters and park rangers (depending on the group size).
4. Half of the rest of the people will be ALBs and they get eggs (3 each). The other half will be people carrying firewood and they get ALBs (3 each).
5. The object of the game for the park rangers and foresters is to keep ALBs out of Vermont. The object for the ALBs and people carrying ALBs in firewood is to get the invasive pests into Vermont.
6. Park rangers and foresters need to find a place to stand on the field—they will be stationary and tagging out people that come close to them.
7. Place three “trees” out in the field. ALBs will need to drop their eggs in or under each tree, and firewood carriers will need to drop their ALBs too. These trees are also safe places where they cannot get tagged out.
8. ALBs move slowly, so they can only take three steps and then count to five, people with firewood can run (but they will be carrying firewood in their arms).
9. See if anyone can make it to Vermont (hopefully not!)
10. Go back and examine the trees on the course—it is pretty disturbing to look in the bucket or under the rug and see all those eggs and beetles!