

ACTIVITY GUIDE



GET TO THE GAME

Carbon dioxide released from transportation and food production contributes to climate change. Participants run the bases to discover the climate impact of their game-day choices.

IN THIS KIT

- 1 Yellow bullseye banner
- 1 Yellow stadium banner
- 1 spinner
- 4 bases: Home, 1, 2, and 3
- 1 Pitcher mat
- 15 consumable cards
- Try It! sign

BIG QUESTIONS

- How do game-day choices impact climate?
- How can you reduce your carbon footprint at the game?

HOW TO SET UP

- 1) Hang up the banners.
- 2) Set out bases on the floor (as space allows), with first base closest to the bullseye banner.
- 3) Set spinner and consumable cards on table.
- 4) Display Try It! sign

Want to learn more? Visit pittsburgh.cuspproject.org

HIDDEN COST CAFE

FACILITATION GUIDE

- Step right up! Are you ready to run the bases? *(Give participants a pink score card)*
- **FIRST BASE:** Can you find your neighborhood? Write down your neighborhood score on your card. *(Engage participants in questions on the banner. Why do I live here? How often do I go to sporting events? What does it mean to live far away or closer?)*
- **SECOND BASE:** It's time to spin! *(Participant spins the spinner for transportation options, such as biking, driving, taking a bus or train, walking, etc. Each option has a different score. Discuss the impact of each option. Ex. Driving has a big carbon footprint; canoes and bicycles need to be manufactured; walking still has a footprint because you need to feed and clothe yourself, etc.)* Write down your transportation score on your card. *(Note: some transportation options may not be available in your neighborhood, you might have to combine options!)*
- **THIRD BASE:** It's time to buy! *(Point to the consumables cards.)* You may choose as many cards as you like, but they all have a carbon footprint! Make your selection and add your score to your card. *(Discuss why some cards are more expensive than others. For example, a 60-point hamburger has a bigger carbon impact than 15-point french fries because of the meat inside. Explain that the carbon values relate to packaging, transportation, recyclability, manufacturing, growing, and refrigeration.)*
- **RUN ON HOME:** Did you take a program at the game? *(If yes, add 50 points. If no, add 0.)*
- It's time to tally up your points! Add up your score and see where you get to sit. *(Explain that the lowest scores get the BEST SEATS. If your score is too high, you might not even get into the ball park! Encourage participants to think about how they might get a better score if they lower their carbon footprint next time.)*

FINISHED KIT



ABOUT CUSP

CUSP helps urban communities explore climate impacts and solutions through active engagement with local examples.

