Beat the Clock is a simple concept that can make anything into a game, even chores. Scouts make a race out of getting something accomplished, such as clean up. A Counselor can hold a stopwatch and ask that Scouts Beat the Clock as they clean up after a meeting. The Scouts' job is to get it done as well and as quickly as possible. The goal is to keep beating their former time.

The advantage of Beat the Clock is that it takes an activity that youth drag their feet about, such as cleaning up, and make it into something FUN, while getting it done and out of the way at the same time. When Scouts consistently beat their former time, they can receive a something special such as going out for ice cream or pizza.