Game: Steal the Bacon

Type of Game: Noisy, Outdoor Game for Older Elementary Students and Youth

Supplies:
Large open space
"Bacon" i.e. handkerchief, sock, ball, shoe, etc.
Microphone (optional)

Rules:
Players are split into two even teams; one extra person is designated to facilitate the game
Each player finds a player from the other team of equivalent athletic ability and partners up
Teams are lined up facing each other with a large space between the two lines
        -Partners line up directly across from each other within those lines
Each team numbers off their players based on how many are on the team
        -Each team will have two 7s, two 11s, etc
        -Players on opposite teams with equal athletic ability will share the same number
The Bacon is placed in the middle, equidistant between the two teams
The facilitator or "caller" will call a number
The pair of people sharing that number will compete for the Bacon
Players run out, grab the Bacon, and carry it across their line for a point
        -If the player who grabs the Bacon is tagged by their partner before crossing, no point
        -If the player who grabs the Bacon drops the Bacon before crossing, no point
        -If any player touches the Bacon without picking it up, no point
After each round the Bacon is placed back in the middle
The caller can call as many or as few numbers at once as they wish
        -normally most of the game consists of only one number being called at a time
Players can pick the Bacon up and toss it to a teammate whose number has also been called
        -as long as the Bacon doesn't touch the ground, thrown Bacon is live
        -thrown Bacon can be intercepted

Notes:
Spend plenty of time calling individual numbers
        -once groups of numbers are called the game quickly declines in efficiency
If possible, assign judges to stand at each line and watch if players cross before being tagged
Keep track of which numbers are called so all players can be called evenly

Adaptations:
Add another Bacon