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*What's The Story With The Game Marco Polo?*

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 Swimmers everywhere will be playing the game of Marco Polo in the pool this year but how many of those swimmers can tell you where the game originated? Why not offer up a little history with the fun?

 The history of the game refers to a time when Marco Polo was travelling with his family members, Niccolo, and Maffeo. They were exploring and traveling to China in order to meet with the great Khan.

 During the journey, Marco became very tired and fell asleep on his horse. Sensing this, his horse dropped back from the large, fast moving caravan. Eventually Marco woke up and did not see his family. He began to hear voices within the desert and thought that his family was searching for him and calling his name "Marco". He began to respond to those cries with "Polo". It turned out that Marco Polo was actually hallucinating - they were not calling him. His family did search for and find him.

 The game can be traced back to the 1700's when it was played on land and called "Blind Man's Bluff"