



Team Building Fun

The LEGO Challenge

This problem-solving activity requires little more than a couple of sets of children's building blocks. The instructor will build a small sculpture with some of the building blocks and hide it from the group. The participants should then be divided into small teams of 3-6. Each team should be given enough building material so that they can duplicate the structure the instructor has created (specific size and color included.) The instructor should then place their sculpture in an area that is an equal distance from all the groups. One member from each team can come up at any point in time to look at the sculpture for as long as they want and try to memorize it before returning to their team. No paper, pen or cameras are allowed to be brought to the sculpture. After they return to their teams, they instruct their teams about how to build an exact replica of the instructor's sculpture. Meanwhile, another member from each team can come up for another sneak peek before returning to their team and try to recreate the sculpture. The game should be continued in this pattern until one of the teams successfully duplicates the original sculpture. This game will teach participants how to strategize, communicate effectively and problem-solve in a group.

There are multiple ways to do the LEGO team building exercise. Check out other ways through this link: <http://toolbox.hyperisland.com/lego-challenge>

Incorporation

This game is about forming and reforming groups as quickly as possible. The idea is to meet many different groups of people as fast as possible. Don't worry if you have not made it to the first group by the time the next group is called, just head to the next group. Below are a few suggestions, but feel free to come up with more. Get into a group of three...go!

Other suggestions:

- A group of five with everyone having the same color of eyes as you
- A group with the same last digit in their phone number as yours
- A group wearing the same style of shoe as you
- Get into a group of 3 people and make the letter "H" with your bodies
- A group of people born in the same month as you
- Think of the first vowel in your first name and find four people with the same vowel in their first name
- In alphabetical order by last name. Then, divide in half

Magic Carpet Ride

This works best with a group of 12-18 people per sheet

Materials Needed: One double/full-sized bed sheet. A plastic tablecloth can also be used.

Directions:

- Lay sheet flat on the ground or floor
- Ask everyone to stand on the sheet
- Turn the “Magic Carpet” over without anyone touching the floor or the ground in any way. No one may lift anyone off the sheet at any time.
- Give a certain amount of time for this to be done.

Processing Questions:

- Who had the best ideas to overcome the challenge?
- Who was the leader of the group?
- How many different solutions might there be?
- How did your group work through the many ideas/solutions?
- What were key words you would use to describe your team in this activity?

Puzzle Activity

There are several ways to incorporate this activity. If you would like to use it at the end of training, hand out one piece of the puzzle and ask each leader to “decorate” their piece of the puzzle with a take away from training. Make sure you have craft supplies on hand (markers, ribbon, etc.) Give everyone some time to create their piece. Take each piece and make the puzzle complete. (You can find different size puzzles at Amazon.com. Type blank puzzle pieces in the search box and choose the one you want.)

Take a picture of your Leaders Council at pre-class training. Send it to Shutterfly (<https://www.shutterfly.com/sitesearch/puzzle>) and have a puzzle made of your Leaders Council. Use these puzzle pieces during your class retreat later in the year. Do some team building exercises and give them a piece or two during each exercise. At the end of the retreat have them bring all the pieces together and surprise them with the end result – a picture of the Leaders Council.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

- Find as many items as possible from the list below in the time granted.
 - You must have at least three team members in each photo unless otherwise specified.
 - Each item must be a separate photo in order to count. (Sorry, two birds, one stone doesn't work in this game!)
 - Save photos on one camera
 - Teams must stay together
 - Have fun!
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- A triangle
 - A rock smaller than your pinky fingernail
 - Your entire team somewhere indoors
 - A cross
 - The top of a tree
 - Something beautiful
 - Something that illustrates your study
 - A square
 - A human pyramid
 - New life
 - Something round
 - A Christian fish symbol
 - Your entire team somewhere outdoors
 - Two identical things
 - Five things that are red
 - Something that can hold water
 - A heart
 - Someone on your team singing "I'm a Little Teapot" with hand motions
 - Something upside down
 - Exit sign