



Unit: Team Building
Skill 31: Becoming A Team
Activity A: Scavenger Hunt

Activity Skills:

Teamwork.

Leadership Skills:

Teamwork.

Suggested Level:

Beginning

Time:

10-15 minutes

Supplies needed:

List of descriptions
(provided).

Do Ahead:

- Make copies of worksheet

Source:

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BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this activity is to work as a team to accomplish a common goal—completing a scavenger hunt. Participants will be asked to reflect upon the strategies their team used to accomplish the task. This is also a great activity to encourage participants to get to know one another better.

WHAT TO DO:

(NOTE: The size and character of every group is different. Some of the items suggested for inclusion in this scavenger hunt may not fit the group you facilitate, so you may want to adjust the size of the list as well as the items on it.)

First, break participants into groups of 3-4. Explain that the group is about to participate in a scavenger hunt but there are no clues, there are no objects, and they may not leave this room. The goal of this scavenger hunt is to find someone who fits with each of the descriptions on the scavenger hunt search list that will soon be provided. Participants may not get more than 2 items from any one person and you may only get 5 items from people on your team. You may only ask yes or no questions, such as “do you play a musical instrument?”

The first team to find someone who fits each description on the list wins.

TALK IT OVER:**Reflect:**

- What was difficult about this activity?
- What strategy did your group use to accomplish this task?
- Did your group disagree about anything?
- Did someone step forward to take charge?

Apply:

- What are some of the challenges teams can face in working together?
- How might understanding different teamwork strategies improve a group's ability to work together?
- What have you learned that will make you a better team player?

BEYOND THE BOX:**Optional Homework:**

Option 1: Write a paragraph considering the following: Think some more about the strategy your group used to complete the scavenger

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hunt. What was it? What other strategies could you have used? Are all strategies equally successful? Which strategy do you think would have been the most successful?

Option 2: Write about a time when you were working with a group and your team did not work well together. What were the barriers to effective cooperation? How might your group have settled upon a plan that was more agreeable to everyone?

Resources and Web Links:

Wilderness Store Online, *Team Building Activities, Initiative Games and Problem Solving Exercises*

<http://www.wilderness.com/games/InitiativeGames.html>