



Teamwork and Cooperation Lesson Plan

Values Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

Necessary Resources



- None



- Blueprints of some type of construction (building or bridge)
- One flat square object per three Trailmen (e.g., construction paper, folders, linoleum tiles, sheets of wood, or baseball bases)



FUN



Amoeba Race

Divide Trailmen into groups of five or six each. Each group of Trailmen forms a circle facing outward with linked elbows. One Trailman can be the center to be the nucleus. A Trail Guide or another adult should draw a path to the finish line that each amoeba will follow. The Trailmen must stay linked and work their way to the finish.



Or



All Tied Up

The Patrol stands in a tight circle (shoulder to shoulder). Each Trailman reaches into the center of the circle and grabs the hands of two different Trailmen standing across the circle. Try to untangle so all the Trailmen are holding hands in a regular circle. The Trailmen may not let go of hands to untangle, but some boys may be facing the outside of the circle in the end.

FOCUS



Teamwork Overview

What is teamwork and why is it important? Learn some ways that teamwork is needed in life. In this Trail Life Troop, you will need to work together with your fellow Trailmen to get things done. We are going to work on our teamwork and cooperation skills today.



Blueprint

Discuss with the Trailmen how it takes many different people with many different skills to work together to build a structure like a building or a bridge. The foundation starts under the ground with work that we cannot see with our human eye. However, this work is very important because if it is not done properly, the structure could fail.



Blueprints are the map and guide that the construction workers use to aid them in building safe structures. Every worker and trade has a copy of the same blueprints. This ensures that the construction workers can work as a team to get the structure built quickly and safely. Show the Patrol a copy of a blueprint and briefly relate this to a map. Show the Trailmen the legend, scale, etc.

FINGERS



All Together Now

Have Trailmen pair up. Instruct them to sit on the floor with their backs to each other and link arms. On “go,” they must stand up together without using their hands. Optional: they must remain silent.



Human Bridge

You will need to play this game outside in a grassy area. Mark off about a 20-foot stretch. You will need a few flat square objects, such as construction paper, folders, linoleum tiles, sheets of wood, or baseball bases. You will need about one square per every three children. The Trailmen will need to get from Point A to Point B without touching the ground. Because there are so many fewer squares than participants, the Trailmen will need to use teamwork to find their way across together by sharing or stretching across the objects. Let the Trailmen decide how they will get everyone across the marked area by using the objects they are given.

FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



Work Together

Read and discuss I Corinthians 12:20-25. Pray that the Lord will help these Trailmen grow to work as a team and that there would be no division among them.

Pray with the Trailmen.



Teamwork

Read Psalm 133:1. What does this verse say about working with other people? Why is teamwork so important?

Pray with the Trailmen.



Helping

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Talk about how working together can help you because it is not just you by yourself trying to do something. When more people are working, it encourages us to keep working.

Pray with the Trailmen.

FAMILY



Family Cooperation

You need teamwork as a family. Everybody has their own roles, but they need to work together to be able to function properly. Talk with your family about how you can make things easier on your family by cooperating with everybody.



FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Teamwork and Cooperation Step on the Values Branch.



*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.

