



Over Here!

Inclusion/Accepting Others

Objectives

- Finding similarities and differences within groups.

Supplies: lengths of rope or yarn, approximately 10' each

Instructions:

1. Place the lengths of rope around the room, forming circles.
2. Plan one circle for every 6 participants.
3. Instruct the participants to stand inside one of the circles.
4. During this activity, the objective is to learn about the people in your circle.
5. 'Point to the person in your group that is the tallest.'
6. When I say 'one, two, three' you wave goodbye and say 'see ya' to this person as they leave the group.
7. They are not a 'free agent' and move to another circle.
8. Your group has lost a person, so yell out to all the free agents, 'Over here! Over here!'
9. Note these ground rules: Is it okay to get back the same person? Yes. Is it okay to get more than one person? Absolutely. Can you go out and recruit new members? For sure. Do you know the difference between recruiting and abducting? Recruiting is noncontact! Play nice.
10. Once new circles form and all the 'free agents' are in a circle, call out another category. Example: who is wearing the most jewelry? Who has the most siblings? Who drove the farthest to get to meeting? Who's birthday is next?

Facilitator Notes



Notes for Facilitator:

- This is a very simple activity, but can be very powerful in that participants are welcomed by all different groups.
- Groups may lose several members, while other groups may grow beyond their 'circle' boundary. Some groups may move to another location to maximize their recruiting efforts.

Reflection:

- How did it feel to be 'the person' leaving the group?
- Did your group actively recruit replacements?
- If you were a 'free agent', how did it feel to have so many wanting you to be part of their group?
- How can you apply this inclusive attitude to your daily life?
- How does this activity relate to being a leader? What are things you should do to be inclusive and accepting of others?