



A Lesson in Geography

Ice Breaker, Communication

Objectives

- Allows the group to interact and get to know one another on a deeper level.
- Interactive way to get groups acquainted, physical activity keeps group engaged.

Supplies: 6 foot length of heavy string, yarn or rope; knotted to make a loop

Instructions:

- Divide into small groups of 5-10 people
- Each person holds onto the rope with both hands, forming a large circle
- Instruct the group to form the shape of a county, state or nation (depending on makeup of group)
- Once the shape is formed, each person should stand within the circle, relative to where they were born or identified major life events (such as where they went to elementary or high school, college attended or plan to attend, where they live now, vacation plans, etc)

Facilitator Notes



Notes for Facilitator:

- Observe the unique places members discuss.
- Open the discussion about cultural differences, dreams, etc.

Reflection:

- Did participants notice the varying places group members were from?
- Did participants notice while some may have been to quite a few places, others may have grown up in the same place?
- Did any of the participants share a similar location? Did it create a sense of common ground across the group?
- Did the group pay attention to the diversity of places mentioned from different participants?