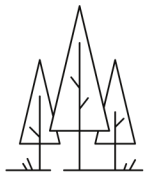


Blind Maze



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A quick and easy energizer to learn names while challenging a group

PREP:

Have group members stand in a circle so that everyone can see everyone else. Tell them this community building process begins with easy, nonthreatening activities and is designed to get increasingly difficult. With that in mind, everyone must remember the name of the persons on each side of them.

Step-by-Step Instructions for PLAY:

- Gather participants (Less than 18 is ideal)
- The group members should gather in a circle. One group member will stand in the middle of the circle. They are the pointer.
- The Pointer will choose one person in the circle and point at them and shout DUCK!
- The person pointed to will literally duck down and the two individuals on either side of the ducker will have a quick response name showdown.
- Whichever person says the other persons name first stays put and the loser moves to the middle of the circle to become the new pointer switching places with the last person in the middle.
- If the name showdown results in a tie a friendly game of Rock/Paper/Scissors can solve the problem or the group can decide the winner.
- Continue playing as long as you like, but always best to end while the group is still at peak fun!

Reflect:

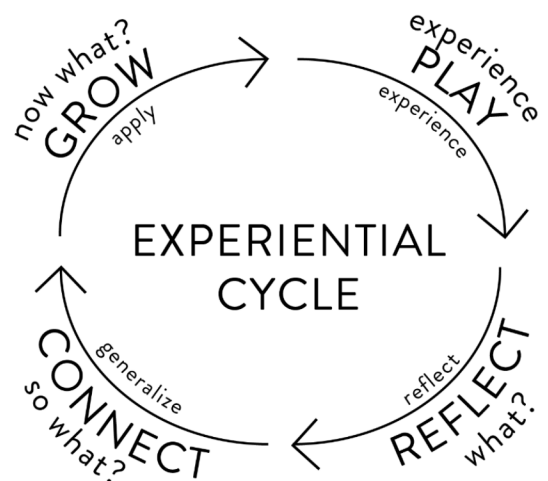
- What did you like about this game? (fun, laughed)
- What did you not like about this game? (too fast, put on the spot)
- Did you learn any new names (information) during this activity?
- Did you prefer to be the pointer, the "duck" or the answerer? Why?
- How did it feel when you made a mistake? (I felt silly, embarrassed)

Connect:

- Did it matter if you made a mistake? Was anyone keeping score?
- Can you think of another time in your life you might feel 'put on the spot'?

Grow:

- What is something you learned during this activity that you can use in "real life"?



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