

Bridge Blast: Bridge Blast is a new Team Challenge activity that everyone finds exciting, challenging and rewarding. The goal of this challenge is a race to the finish line. The skill lies in each Team's ability to match the attributes of the Team members with the various components of the race. Members of the Team are transported on an ever-moving bridge. At specific intervals along the course items of value are collected by each Team. Once each Team has navigated the course and collected all the items it's a race to the finish for final assembly. The Team that completes the assembly first is declared the Winner! This is an exciting activity that offers a certain level of physical challenge for some members of the Team.



Blind Mile: The group is asked to partner into groupings of two. One Partner is then blindfolded and led by their partner through a walk in the woods with some obstacles to navigate around. Then the partners switch blindfolds and the other partner walks a different course in the woods led by their partner going over and under some obstacles. This activity initiates trust, differing forms of communication and interpretation of communication within the group.

Catapult Challenge: A fun group challenge that draws on the individual skills of each member of the team. Each team collects their materials through a draft process and collaborate on an effective design they plan to construct. Each team must construct their catapult within a specified time frame. Test launches are staged with final modifications allowed. Each team then launches tennis balls, grapefruit or watermelon to determine a team victor for distance, accuracy and design.

Back Writing: Teams of 5-10 individuals are lined up single file, front to back, in rows. Symbolic messages are drawn on the back of the person in front and passed down the line "silently." No verbal communication of the message is allowed. The last person in the line writes out the message they received. An effective initial activity that illustrates communication.

Blind Square: All participants are blindfolded and challenged to find the length of rope positioned somewhere in the room. Once found, the group is challenged to construct a "perfect square" out of the rope. Once achieved, the group is challenged with more difficult symbols to replicate with the rope.

Circles of Influence: The group will be split into three teams. Each team has the same objective maximize points by placing their pieces into their hoop. Each team has its own types of resources that create the score, although some teams resources overlap. This activity leads to a discussion of resource allocations and possible outcomes for negotiations within the organization.

Earth Ball Challenge: The participants work as a Team to raise a 5' earth ball up a Cargo Net given two possible climbing stations and one extra length of rope (50').

Culinary Challenge: This activity is one that effectively incorporates a diverse field of interpersonal issues creative problem solving, innovation, time management, planning, teamwork and FUN!! It also lends itself to many relevant group takeaways and clearly illustrates useful metaphors for challenges the group faces in their workplace environment. The group is divided into working teams, presented with similar ingredients, tools, and equipment then challenged with creating their own unique product. Judging criteria for each team's final product can be established on a variety of outcomes; timeliness, creativity and innovation, visual presentation, equitable team member participation, etc. Our chef offers his assistance as a co-facilitator and also as a resource for any team.



GeoCaching: We are the only Conference Center or Teambuilding facility in the area offering GeoCaching. This activity is the newest teambuilding activity. Based on the scavenger hunt concept, GeoCaching integrates state of the art Global Positioning System (GPS) technology with a team hunt. We hide a number of "caches" throughout our 200 acre property, inside of which are clues to help the team locate the next cache. Teams must navigate their way throughout our property along the Nature Trail using a handheld GPS unit to locate their particular cache. Teams must navigate their way throughout our property along the Nature Trail using a handheld GPS unit to locate their particular cache. This is a fun activity that can be done any time of the year.

Hoopdom: Participants are split into groups of 3 - 6 people. Each group will be given six hoops and 30 feet of rope. They will have five minutes to plan this activity. After the five minutes they must build a geodesic structure that is shown to all groups, and then weave the rope through all 20 openings within this geodesic structure. Participants may not come into physical contact with the structure, only the rope may come into contact with the structure. The first group to build the geodesic structure, run the rope through all 20 openings and raise their flag for the judges' inspection will be declared the victor.

Frenzy: Groups are placed into teams and challenged to gather all the Tennis Balls from the center Hoop and place them into their teams Hoop within a given amount of time.

Noodle Press: Participants are divided up into groups of two and four; they are given a large number of 1 inch cut foam noodle pieces. They are then challenged to compile the noodles into a large "press". The group with the largest "press" of noodles pieces will be the winner. The guideline is that every time a noodle piece is added the individual adding the noodle piece must reveal a fact about themselves or ask a question of the group.

Knotty Business: Participants are split into groups of 6 people. They each hold the end of a rope, and then are asked to create the largest, nastiest knot possible without letting go of their ropes.

Raft Building: Each team collects their materials through a draft process. They must inventory their materials and create a drawing of the raft they plan to build. All designs are approved, and then the groups are allotted a specific amount of time to construct their raft. The teams then race their rafts on the lake around a buoy and return to the beach. Rafts are then dismantled and all supplies are returned to the supply depot. The first group to complete this is the winner.

Mine Field: Teams of two individuals are created around a defined area containing all manner of objects (balls, Frisbees, rubber chickens, etc.). One individual is chosen to negotiate the "Mine Field" blindfolded, listening to the voice of their partner. If any object in the "Mine Field" is touched, the participant exits and re-starts until they have successfully negotiated the entire area.

Work of Art: The group is challenged with attempting to communicate a collection of objects (A Work of Art) as accurately as possible. The process involves smaller groups of approximately 5-10 participants that arrange themselves in a specific order. The first person in the group(s) is shown the Work of Art. The image must then be passed along (communicated) to each member of the group. Only verbal communication is allowed. The last person in the group is then presented with similar objects found in the original Work of Art and attempts to successfully recreate it in every detail. This activity is great opener because it often leads to a meaningful discussion pertaining to communication; the cornerstone for all Group Unity and Teambuilding.

Mohawk Walk: The group is challenged with traversing a designated area using a series of cables, hand holds and other elements without touching the ground. One of the most effective takeaways that the group experience is the process used by the group to set a common goal.

Rope Cuffs: Participants are asked to choose a partner and stand facing each other. One person places the rope cuff over both of their wrists. The second person places one hand into the wrist loop; they pass the middle of their rope through the other person's rope and place the loop on their other wrist. They are now connected together. The challenge is for the partners to become separated without altering the ropes at all.

Team Tubes: An energetic and creative series of group initiatives using PVC sections and connections that are used by the Group to execute a broad range of activities. Activities range in scope from creative problem solving challenges to team competition scenarios to fun group challenges. Team Tubes is an activity that can be tailored specifically to the unique goals of the group. It's also fun to see the different outcomes and creations that different groups produce.



Walk This Way: Group members are challenged to move across a stretch of ground while standing on a set of long beams with hand ropes attached.

Vertical Minefield: Participants are split into groups of 3 to 6 people. One individual from each team is chosen to negotiate the Climbing Tower while blindfolded to retrieve an object or totem.



Trail Challenge: Trail Challenge is the newest Team Challenge activity at Beaver Hollow Conference Center. In fact, this activity can be experienced only at Beaver Hollow. It is one that every participant is sure to find exciting, challenging and rewarding.

The goal of this activity is a race to successfully complete every challenge found on the Nature Trail course in the most time effective manner. The skill lies in each Team's ability to match the attributes of the Team members with the various challenges on the course. Critical to the successful completion of each challenge is for each Team to work as a team.

Teams of 4-6 people begin the course at staggered start times. At specific intervals along the course they encounter a new challenge. The challenges range from requiring some degree of physical activity from the members of the Team to other challenges that are purely cerebral. The success, though, in effectively completing each challenge is participation by every member of the Team.

Once each team has navigated the course and completed each challenge, their time is measured against the other Teams. The Team that completes the course with the fastest time is declared the Winner!

The Trail Challenge course encompasses our 2-mile Nature Trail walking path carved through wooded property. It is a walking path that takes the Teams around our lake, both up and down a few short hills, over a few footbridges, and through an open area. In some spots the Trail has wood chips; in other spots the Trail is more natural with dirt pathways. There are 5 different challenges posted at different intervals along the course. At each challenge a monitor is stationed to ensure the integrity of each Team's performance. A challenge may require the Team to navigate a certain feature of the terrain or it may involve a puzzle or riddle that must be solved.

This is an exciting activity that offers a certain level of physical challenge for most members of the Team.