

PUZZLE QUEST



A dynamic, interactive team building program offered as either a competitive or collaborative event that will unify and celebrate your team members.



ALL OF OUR EVENTS ARE BASED ON –

100% Participation 100% of the Time for 100% Fun –
All members engaged all the time.

All Play – Participants might have different energy levels or capability to play a game, and that's okay. Because games have different roles, there's always a place for everyone to contribute to the team effort.

Team Play – All games reward teamwork, not individual performance. Exceptional teamwork results in exceptional outcomes.

WHAT IS THE PUZZLE QUEST EVENT?

Competitive, for groups looking to energize participants, build relationships, and foster camaraderie through a friendly contest. The goal for each team is to solve as many puzzles as quickly as possible. Because good teamwork is the operating principle, the best teamwork earns the best score.

Collaborative, for groups who want participants to have the opportunity make the most of their abilities and accomplishments. The takeaway is the discovery of the key elements of productive teamwork — how individuals and teams perform better when working together.

The event begins with the formation of several “puzzle” teams, ranging from 6 to 10 members each. Using several upper ropes course “puzzle piece collection stations” as well as floor-based “puzzle solution stations,” participants are on a quest first to gather the pieces, then solve the puzzles. The scoring objective in competitive events is to achieve the greatest number of points as a team. The scoring objective in the collaborative events is to maximize the entire group's total score compared to the total possible points.

The strategy here is to manage resources and participants by sharing puzzle pieces and solutions among all the teams. The challenge is that, even though isolation or competition is never promoted, it is often the default behavior. In most cases, the full understanding of a collaborative effort and its benefits aren't fully realized until the wrap-up when the actual points earned are compared to the maximum possible.

BENEFITS:

- Energizes participants and builds camaraderie
- Enhances collaboration and problem solving
- Builds relationships, respect, and appreciation

LOGISTICS:

- Indoors or outdoors
- At our facility
- From 3 to 4 hours
- Group sizes from 10 to 400
- Low to medium physical activities

SAMPLE AGENDA:

- Welcome, introductions, and event overview
- Icebreakers and team formation
- Puzzle Quest Challenge activities
- Scoring to compare actual earned versus maximum possible
- Final debrief to share the experience and takeaways of the day



SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

Here are a few activities that are commonly facilitated for this event. When we learn more about you, we will then choose activities that fit your group best.

COMBINATIONS



CHALLENGE:

Align nine numbers in a pattern so that each row, column and diagonal add to the same sum. If you solve the nine-number puzzle, move on to the puzzle with 16. Solved that, then try 25 numbers. It's rare, mighty rare, to solve all three! Trial and error may work for the first puzzle, but you may need a math whiz to do the others.

TAKE AWAYS:

Collaborating and resourcing for unique skill

CUP STACK



CHALLENGE:

Build the tallest self-supporting cup tower. This one requires teammates to retrieve cups from the ropes course. Be brave, be bold and be nimble. Teammates are waiting below. Once retrieved, the construction begins. Engineering, patience, perseverance and steady hands are required. One false move and you must begin again.

TAKE AWAYS:

Trust, planning, communication, creativity

NAIL PUZZLE



CHALLENGE:

Balance all the available nails on the head of one vertical nail. There are 12 flathead nails lying on the table. In a piece of wood, there is one vertical nail. How many can you balance on top of the vertical nail? It's the ultimate nail biter. Seemingly impossible, but it can be done. Huddle with your team because many minds are needed to come up with the solution. This one may require forming an alliance with another team.

TAKE AWAYS:

Trust, support, problem solving

WORDLES



CHALLENGE:

Correctly decode all of the puzzles. Welcome to word puzzles, which are made up of words and symbols that must be decoded into a popular phrase or saying. Decoding requires a logical interpretation of what the words mean with consideration of how they are positioned together. It's all eyes on deck. What seems difficult to one person could be easy to someone else.

TAKE AWAYS:

Collaboration, communication, creativity

