



SUPPORT the Troops

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WHAT IS A SUPPORT THE TROOPS EVENT?

What better way to thank our soldiers stationed all over the world than providing them with some of the comforts of home? Your teams will compete in scavenger hunts for personal items which will be used to fill care packages. Show your appreciation for the service of our men and women in uniform while reaping the benefits of teamwork. After your “Support the Troops” event, your care packages will be donated to organizations that will deliver them overseas on your behalf.

Each group starts out with a fun warm-up series of games. Then we create teams of 6 to 12 members who each create their “team name,” cheer, and maybe a flag or banner.

The teams will face off in a number of challenges to gather the personal items that will be included in the care packages. Because we value inclusiveness, you don’t need to be an athlete to compete, just the desire to have fun and the willingness to work as a team. The best teamwork earns the most points, which are tallied to provide team rankings for the final Troop Pack activity.



ALL OF OUR EVENTS ARE BASED ON –

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

All Play – Participants might have different energy or capability and that’s okay. Games have different roles, so there’s always a place for everyone to contribute to the team effort.

Team Play – All games reward teamwork, not individual performance.

BENEFITS:

- Energizes participants and builds camaraderie
- Enhances collaboration and problem solving
- Builds relationships and gives to our troops

LOGISTICS:

- Indoors or outdoors
- At our facility or the facility of your choice
- From 2 to 4 hours
- Group sizes from 10 to 500 in our building
- Group size for other venues dependent on space
- Low to medium physical activities

SAMPLE AGENDA:

- Welcome, introductions, and event overview
- Icebreakers and forming teams
- Support the Troops activities





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.

TEXAS SKIS



CHALLENGE:

Team members use long skis with hand ropes to maneuver from start to finish as quickly as possible. The only way to move is if everyone coordinates their movements.

TAKE AWAYS:

Synergy, communication, leadership skills

SHOOTING GALLERY



CHALLENGE:

Childhood favorites - pedal cars and archery - are combined into a thrilling relay. Start your engines as you pedal your car down to the Shooting Gallery, grab your bow and arrow, and shoot at a menagerie of items to earn points for your team. Fear not - arrows have marshmallow tips. Quickly pedal back to keep the relay going. All go once before anyone goes again. Beware - there may be additional challenges for those waiting in line.

TAKE AWAYS:

Defined roles, coordinated support, performing under pressure

TARP POP BASKETBALL



CHALLENGE:

This is a nontraditional style of basketball. All members hold the edges of a large tarp to launch a 42-inch ball some distance to teammates holding an extremely large basket. Timing is critical for successful launching and catching.

TAKE AWAYS:

Communication, synergy

LASER CHASE RELAY



CHALLENGE:

This is an electronic version of "whack a mole" played as a relay. Instead of moles, there are up to 20 blinking lights flashing on and off intermittently. Each successful contact is worth a point and each member takes a run to tag the lights.

TAKE AWAYS:

Agility, communication, coordination