

## TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

### 23. WHICH WAY DID I GO?

**Theme:** Leadership Styles

**Estimated Time:** 25-30 minutes

**Resources Required:** A compass

#### **Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:**

Without leaders, little would get done efficiently. Everyone would go about their duties, often in every direction. This activity highlights this effect and how to resolve the inefficiencies.

Pick a cadet at random and let them be the leader. Bring the leader to you and tell this person out loud, so that others will hear, to remain by your side.

While the cadet leader is silent, ask the group to close their eyes. While their eyes are closed, ask everyone to spin around slowly until you say stop. Stop the group after a minute and state that with their eyes still closed, try to guess which way is North and to point in that direction. Have them open their eyes. {Everyone should be pointing in different directions.}

Ask the group to close its eyes. While their eyes are closed, ask everyone to spin around slowly until you say stop. Whisper to your cadet leader to walk quietly to the other side of the room and to remain silent. After the cadet leader is in place, announce to everyone to stop and with their eyes still closed, try to point in the direction of the cadet leader. Have everyone open their eyes. {Most will be pointing toward you and not the cadet leader.}

Walk over to the cadet leader. Ask the group to close their eyes. While their eyes are closed, ask everyone to spin around slowly until you say stop. Whisper to your cadet leader to walk quietly to a different part of the room and to say "I'm over here" when you raise your hand. After the cadet leader is in place, announce to everyone to stop and, with their eyes still closed, try to point in the direction of the cadet leader. After a few seconds, raise your hand so that the cadet leader says, "I'm over here." Have everyone open their eyes. {Most will quickly change their random pointing towards the cadet leader.}

#### **Discussion Questions:**

What did we just do?

What did you learn?

What were some leadership concepts learned from this exercise?

How can these leadership concepts be applied outside this activity?