

TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

8. SPIDER WEB

Theme: Teamwork Fundamentals

Estimated Time: 25-30 minutes

Resources Required: A ball of yarn

Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:

It's amazing how quickly a team can get into a mess and how long it takes to get out of it! This activity visually illustrates this point.

Have everyone stand in a circle and face each other. State that it's amazing how quickly a team can get into a mess and how long it can take to get out of it. Throw the ball of yarn to a person in the circle, allowing the yarn to unravel. State that this person needs to hold on to the end of the string, then throw the yarn to someone else who is not near them. Repeat until everyone is hanging onto the yarn and a tangled web is in the middle.

Instruct everyone to hold onto the yarn and to work together to unravel the web. Stop after 15 minutes or when the group completes the activity, whichever comes first.

Discussion Questions:

What were some methods used that worked or did not work?

What were some ways to make the team work more efficiently?

What were some concepts learned from this exercise?

How can these concepts be applied to outside this activity?