

Anti-Gravity Tent Pole Activity

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Required: one long tent pole (or broomstick)

Divide team in half.

Have each half line up facing the other half about 2 feet apart so everyone is across from someone else.

Have everyone hold their hands out with index fingers extended like pretending to shoot a gun - have arms bent at elbows.

Lay the tent pole on top of everyone's index fingers so they are supporting it.

Tell the team that the challenge of the activity is to lower the pole to the ground, following 3 rules:

1. Only index fingers can touch the pole.
2. Everyone's index fingers must touch the pole at all times.
3. fingers must remain extended, no grabbing or holding the stick

Reflect on how difficult a simple sounding task can be.

What was difficult about this?

Did anyone try to cheat?

Who took over leadership?

Were different ideas listened to and tried?

What was required to solve the challenge?