Spider Web

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**Objective**

For the entire group to travel through the web to the other side, without touching the web. Each participant must travel through a different opening in the web.

This requires the entire team to manage their differences (size, disposition, strength, intelligence, etc.), it requires commitment, it’s very physical without being strenuous, and it’s fun.

**Materials**

The materials you need are included in your kit:

- PVC Frame
- Web made from bungee
- Guidebook

**Potential Storyline**

You are trying to access your favorite web site, but there is a limitation on the number of users that can be simultaneously logged on. If you happen to connect with the wrong server, everyone in the group gets logged off.

**Setup of Activity**

**Vertical Setup**

1. **Build Frame.**
   - You will not need all of the PVC pieces for the vertical frame setup.
   - We recommend you leave the footing support for last.
   - On page 5 is an illustration so you can see what is needed for the frame and an image of what the frame will look like when completed.
   - Page 6 shows the frame broken into pieces so you can easily see which piece goes where.

2. **Retrieve web from stuff sack and spread out on the ground.**

3. **Find the small 1/8” rope, typically pink or black. This is top center. Put it in the middle and begin attaching the rope to the velcro on the PVC.** On page 7 is an illustration of the web attached to the PVC frame.
4. When the frame is ready, say to the group, “you have 5 minutes to plan your technique. At the end of that time, I would like to review your plan with you, BEFORE you begin.” This review process encourages the group to plan, but more importantly, it provides the facilitator with every detail of movement, so that they may anticipate appropriate spotting positions before a participant begins their passage.

5. Once you give them the basic outline, give them the handout on page 6.

6. As with many challenges that have a visible sign of error, in this case that means contact with the web, allow the group to inspect their own movements, rather than setting yourself up as the judge. This places the responsibility directly on the group for their performance.

7. In addition to watching the web for contact, there is a bell so that the contact is more easily noted. In the event of contact, offer an option to the group, such as, “you can either start again from the beginning, or, you can pass two people through that are connected together.” This allows the group to decide their fate, and involves a conscious choice, rather than a penalty or consequence.

Safety Considerations

• In many cases, participants may choose to lift other participants through the web. Encourage appropriate spotting techniques, especially focused on the shoulders and head region of the participant being transported.

• Discourage any passage through the web that does not involve contact with other participants. This will prevent jumping and unspotted movement.

• Do not allow any one to dive though the web. NO HEADFIRST! Stop the action if this is about to happen.

• When they are lifting some one, remind them to protect the participant’s neck and shoulders.

• Stop action if they are doing anything that you deem dangerous.

• If the web breaks you may stop the activity and make repairs or start the review.

Activity Variations

There are several variations that will create greater challenges and change the dynamics of the entire group in meaningful ways.

Web Hole Sizes

For the classic web pattern, providing various size openings can challenge the group in different ways. Be sure to allow enough generous sized openings for the largest members of the group to pass through safely.

Too Few Participants

If there appears to be too many openings, instead of closing any, or altering the web, try having the participants pass through several objects, such as 4x4’s, picnic coolers, storage boxes, stuff sacks, an open umbrella, an inflated beach ball, etc.
**Team Instructions**

**GOAL: To get the highest final score you can.**

You have 5 minutes to pre-plan a strategy and then tell the facilitator what the plan is. The facilitator will help to make sure your strategy is safe.

**Scoring**

A point is scored each time a person passes entirely through an opening in the web without touching it.

Once a person goes through an opening, the hole is closed. No one else can go through that hole.

If each person in the group scores, all the holes reopen and can be used again to score additional points, if time permits.

If any person touches a string at any time, all must return to the starting side of the web, the score returns to zero, and all holes are open for scoring.

All members of your group must start from the original side of the web.

No one may go over or around the web, except when returning to start over.

You may not alter the web in any way.

Both the coach and the team members are responsible for monitoring touches of the web.

Each member of the team is responsible for the safety of all others members of the team. Be sure that the head and shoulders of any person being lifted and/or passed are well supported.
Discussion Questions

1. At the beginning of the activity, did everyone know what their duties were?
2. Were any of the original plans altered during the course of the activity? Why?
3. Would additional planning have prevented these alterations?
4. If contact occurred with the web, what was the reaction of the group to the person that noted the contact?
5. What lessons can you take away from this activity?

Dynamics to Watch for in the Group and Individuals

Contact will occur as a result of the activity.

Make sure the contact is appropriate.
Support

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As part of your purchase, you will have access to the information for the activities included in this guide. You will also have access to facilitator information which will help you execute these activities better.