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## Raft Craft Program Overview

Invention, moxie, strategy and luck; add teamwork, a beach on a refreshing lake, lots of unusual flotation materials and Team Craft's experiential learning approach.



Tie it all together and you've got the winning ingredients for fun and memorable teambuilding on a hot day. This three-part program involves **designing, build-**

**ing** and then **racing** rafts in small teams. The design can be adapted to meet your teambuilding objectives to focus on creativity, competition, and multiple elements of teamwork. And of course, lots of good clean fun.

### **Raft Building:**

Building materials are limited to items that can be obtained from the raft "store." Participants will be taken on a tour of the store at the outset of the activity. A few minutes into the activity materials can be requisitioned.



Ample materials are made available to construct a seaworthy raft. Materials consist of a wide array of items that float, from inner tubes to plastic

foam to noodles. Framing and connecting materials are also available such as tape, rope, and plastic tubing. Paddles can be requisitioned as well.

Once built, the rafts are brought to the shoreline for basic seaworthiness inspection.

### **Raft Racing:**

A single race or race series are program options. A series consists of qualifying heats and a finals heat for the 'company cup'.

### **Awards Ceremony:**

Awards can be given for:

- First, second, and third place in the final round
- Most Innovative design
- Team Spirit
- Titanic Award (most spectacular unraveling)



**Debrief questions:** Debrief discussions follow the activity. Facilitators inquire about effective strategy within each team, effective problem solving strategies, distribution of roles, effective communication, overall key insights and how these provide opportunities to improve teamwork in the future.

Participants leave with a fun experience, new bonds with teammates, as well as positive new insight on team effectiveness. Swimming and a picnic can be included in the activity.

### **Raft Craft Program Outline**

- **Length:** 2 to 3.5 hours
- **Location:** a beach on a lake or a similar safe swim area.
- **Group Size:** total participants can be in the 100's, operating in smaller activity teams of from 6 to 12

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