

THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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Cooperative Games

Cooperative games allow your group to work together. These types of games are inclusive. They emphasize participation and challenge rather than defeating another person or team. There is no “winner” or “loser”. You can focus on fun!

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Steps

1. Explore group dynamics.

While cooperative games are inclusive, some steps may be difficult for your group. Review the participants you will have playing and find games that can be played by everyone.

2. Start with the provided PDF.

Review the games on the Enrichment Project supplement *SUPP_Cooperative Games*. Find a few you'd like to try.

3. Play the games.

Play the games you chose with your group. Keep notes on things that worked and whether your group liked the game.

4. Adjusting games.

Sometimes you'll want to play a game, but the rules don't enable you to play or you need materials you don't have. Perhaps the game is too easy or hard for your group. The simplest thing to do is change the rules. If you've played the game before with your group, make sure you communicate any changes. Always make notes on what you're changing so that you remember in the future without losing a lot of time on discussion. Try modifying one or two of the games.

5. Finding more.

Search through books or Web sites to find more games to add to your collection. A few sites are listed below. As you collect them, make notes to any that you feel need modification to make them more usable.

6. Other game areas.

Other games types where you might find cooperative games include parachute, clapping and even video. Look outside games you would normally play to expand your collection even further.

7. Design your own.

Take a personal challenge and design your own cooperative game. You'll need to take into account your group, the time you want to spend and perhaps a theme if you're trying to tie it into other activities.

8. Share.

Share your game collection with your organization, other groups or AEP members.



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Supplements

SUPP_CooperativeGames.pdf

Sample cooperative games



Sites to Explore

www.mrgym.com/CooperativeGames.htm
www.creativekidsathome.com/games/cooperative_games
www.ultimatecampresource.com/site/camp-activities/cooperative-games.page-1.html
dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/games/cooperative_games/cooperative_games.htm
www.responsiveclassroom.org/blog/cooperative-games-younger-students
www.responsiveclassroom.org/blog/learning-playground
www.ehow.com/info_8175587_coop-games.html
www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/games.aspx

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