

Outcomes:

- Enhanced Team Collaboration
- Improved Team Communication
- Problem-solving
- Creative Thinking and Innovation
- Practice continuous improvement (kaizen)
- Tangible links to work

Get your team collaboration and communication on target with a customized series of fun collaborative team building activities!



“The program went well beyond my expectations. Everyone was involved and enthusiastic. There were times I was laughing so hard I couldn't breathe!”

-M.K., Terumo Medical

The Game:

Team Collaboration Quest is a collaborative team building program featuring a customized combination of Ice Breakers, Energizers and fun collaborative team challenges. Every 30-45 minute collaborative team exercise challenges everyone on the team to work together to complete one common goal, just like work. Team Collaboration Quest explores how team collaboration leverages communication, happiness, and a common sense of purpose, resulting in dramatically increased output.

Team Collaboration Quest will put your collaborative team into action, but none of the activities will require anyone's feet to leave the ground. All of the exercises present difficult mental challenges designed to help you achieve the desired outcomes regardless of physical ability. Each person will always have choices about how they want to participate. A very successful Grand Finale to Team Collaboration Quest is the popular Roller Coaster game.

Icebreakers and Energizers – 'Getting To Know You' Team Building Activities

Icebreaker examples are listed below. These or others (but not all) may be incorporated in your customized program.

- Set the tone for a fun and interactive event
- Provide a transition from meetings and presentations to full engagement
- Strengthen personal connections and build camaraderie
- Help participants to know fun facts about other members of the team
- Speed networking



The Collaborative Team Quest begins with one or two short (5-10 minutes each), fun team building icebreakers and energizers. These 'getting to know you' activities set the tone for interactive fun. They provide a transition from meetings and presentations to full active engagement. Participants strengthen personal connections and learn fun facts about other members of the team. Whether your team knows each other fairly well or has never met in person before, we highly recommend beginning the program with one or two of these activities.

Quixote Consulting consultants have more than fifty icebreakers in their bag of tricks. Here are examples of a few that could be incorporated into your customized collaborative team building event.

Team Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Everyone is given a card with interesting facts and hobbies personalized for your team on a Bingo card grid. Meet your people, find out who's done what, write their names on the card and get to cry Bingo before your coworkers do! One of our clients' favorite icebreakers!

Cocktail Party Speed Networking

Pairs are given questions to ask each other and report out on later. These intriguing, positive questions speed network your team beyond 'small talk' to conversations that are real, interesting and fun.

Commonalities

The facilitator gives topics such as favorite music and favorite pastime. Players quickly find everyone else who shares the same tastes. A mix of high-energy fun and discovering commonalities with colleagues helps participants to expand their relationships beyond day-to-day work roles and gets everyone up out of their seats and on the move.

Get Connected

Get to be a pollster for a day (or 10 minutes anyway) while building connections

Quick Line-Ups

Everyone lines up by birthday, by alphabetical order by middle name and more in less than 60 seconds – silently! A fast-moving, fun, non-verbal communication challenge

Collaborative Team Challenges: One Goal, One Team

- Develop critical collaborative team performance competencies. The participants must work together and communicate well in order to succeed at the activities.
- Put team building collaboration tools to work.
- Create team spirit, excitement and help participants get to know each other better.



Each Collaborative Team Challenge is approximately 30-45 minutes long. These collaborative team exercises culminate in a debrief so that teams can immediately learn from their successes and failures, link their performance to collaborative team work they're involved in back at the office, and name focal points for their attention for the next activity.

The sequence of activities is intentional. Each collaborative team building activity builds on the one before to create an experience that is memorable, fun and has lasting impact on your effective collaborative team work.

Some of Quixote Consulting's most popular collaborative team building team work activities are included in the following list. These or others (but not all) may be incorporated into your customized program.

On Target

Quixote Consulting's most popular collaborative team building activity

In this multi-round activity, the group is separated into groups and given a task: deliver a maximum number of balls into specific buckets within strict time deadlines in the midst of a rapidly changing environment. As the activity progresses, the participants find that they must challenge their own assumptions about competition, problem solving, and "the way it's always been done," in order to reach their goals. Innovation, team collaboration and team communication skills are



Picture This

You have some of the information but can you communicate what you know? Who will see the big picture?

Each person gets images that are part of a larger sequence. Together the group must decipher the sequence and get the images laid out in order without any person seeing anyone else's images while the clock ticks! Will the group see the big picture in time or will they get bogged down in details...or worse yet, fail to notice a crucial part of the image in time? This complex verbal communication skill builder has a powerful "aha" factor that makes the grand unveiling unforgettable!

Make the Connection

This puzzling challenge requires the whole group to collaborate and communicate – quickly. 25 pieces link in innovative ways. Can you make the connection? This collaborative team building activity challenges groups to communicate with impact, listen actively, foster teamwork and collaboration and get engaged – quickly.



Sharing Best Practices: The Big Info Swap

Two sub-teams must work to achieve success in two separate activities; however, each team's success is directly connected to their abilities to share their best practices with the other team. This collaborative team building activity challenges groups to not only collaborate in small groups but actively collaborate and root for other departments in their company.

Aces High

This giant card game has everyone on the move and communicating quickly. Incredible times are achieved as teams compete head-to-head. The challenge is doubled for a wild finish in a collaborative grand finale! This collaborative team building activity challenges groups to realize how compelling and exhilarating it can be to collaborate when given a challenging deadline.

Better Get Better

In this high-energy, collaborative team building exercise, teams are given a task with a tight deadline. They must develop and improve a solution through successive attempts. As the activity progresses, participants find that they must assign roles, clarify rules, and find ways to improve their scores repeatedly. They also learn from watching other teams, and must decide whether competition or collaboration with others will achieve their goals more effectively.



Would you like more collaborative team building activity ideas? Just ask! Quixote Consulting has more than 50 collaborative team building exercises to choose from. Our team building experts will find the right one for you or design one specifically to enhance your unique team collaboration.

Training Module or Debrief:

A debrief led by the facilitator uncovers group dynamics, team strengths and communication issues. Techniques for progressing as a team, and models for more effective problem-solving, etc., are discussed. The group then brainstorms ways to formalize and maximize your communication and total team potential. This increases awareness, and develops the skills necessary to be an effective member of a high functioning team. The debrief will be customized for your group goals. Take-homes include a cornucopia of team building collaboration tools, perfect for building effective collaborative teams at work.





What's your quest?

Minimum/Maximum Group Size:

8-100. For groups 100+ we recommend Quixote Consulting's large scale collaborative team building programs Collaborative Charity Bike Build, Roller Coaster, Pipeline or Crossing Chocolate Bridges.

Program Length:

2-4 hours. The program can also be part of a full day of teambuilding or incorporated into a day or multi-day program using work-style assessments such as MBTI and Strengthsfinder. Collaborative team building activities can also be used as exclamation marks throughout a day or week-long conference or meeting. Targeted collaborative team building exercises keep energy and enthusiasm high, oxygenate, refocus and actively reinforce collaborative team material being presented.

Space Requirements:

20 square feet of open space per participant is a good guideline. The Team Collaboration Quest can be done indoors or outdoors – your office building, a ballroom or conference room, even a local park. The Team Collaboration Quest can be held anywhere in the world. We come to you, complete with everything you'll need to insure an exhilarating and memorable event.

Note: Small space? No problem! If you don't have open space available, we can do 'Table Top' versions of many of the Team Collaboration Quest collaborative team building activities.

