

Birthday Line Ups

Type of Activity: Get to Know You/Ice breaker

Props needed: none

Playing the game:

You'll need enough space to create a large circle with your group. Works well with 10 to 25 for 20 to 30 minutes.

Process: Ask everyone in your group to create a Double Chicken Wing circle (see The Chick Game) and link elbows – each player links up with the player to their left and right. The challenge is to, **WITHOUT TALKING** or removing anything from their pockets (**no pens, driver license, etc.**) into Birthday order – **month and day only**. There must never be a complete break in the circle during the process. This means that if a player needs to move to a different position she must connect together the players to her left and her right. The moving player must then stay in with the circle during her movement to the new position. If the circle is broken at any time players are asked to, "Freeze!" until the circle is repaired, then the action can continue. If it breaks much too often you might stop the group to find out why this is happening and how to prevent it from happening again – issues of following the rules can be discussed. Celebrate success when complete. Try some variations below if the energy is there. Variations: Have group circle up into, Alphabetical Order by first, middle or last names, or from smallest to largest size of their favorite animal (you could even have them do this by using only the animal sound), by numerical order of the sum of their telephone number, or by distance they live from the site, or an other fun order – Shoe size, memorable historical event, Books in the bible, height, etc.

Debriefing Topics:

- How did the group work together to accomplish this activity?
- Did you learn anything new about your teammates?

Facilitator Notes:

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The Empty Bag, Cavert and Hammond, pg. 19-20.