

BUILD-A-BOAT

Your Crew. Your Boat. Your Victory!

Benefits & Results:

- Builds communication skills
- Fosters collaboration
- Promotes big-picture thinking
- Celebrates team success
- Boosts leadership and team spirit
- Advances resource management skills

Welcome to The SS Minnow Commemorative Raft Regatta!

Who knew that building a seaworthy vessel is also a great way to build a team? We did! Build-A-Boat combines ingenuity, creativity, teamwork, and fun for an unforgettable team building event. When it's sink or swim time – will your team come out high and dry, or end up all wet?

The Game:

Build-A-Boat participants are divided into small project teams and each is charged with the challenge of building a raft from a limited supply of resources which include barrels, boards, and rope. The design is up to the team, as all members of each crew must collaborate and communicate to effectively brainstorm, create and build the raft.



Once afloat, each team's vessel must be capable of transporting several team members and their team flag, which they design with pride. Teams navigate through an obstacle course to a dock or buoy on a body of water and then (*hopefully!*) all the way back to shore. Only one to three members of each team must travel on the raft (you can have more if you want, though). Imagine the corporate version of Huckleberry Finn, except everyone wears a lifejacket!

During the event, teams are judged on a variety of factors including best team flag, best team commercial, fastest time, most beautiful raft, and more.

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Want to give the program another dimension of fun and interactivity? TeamBonding has had tremendous success augmenting this program with an exercise that orients teams to their location and in which teams must locate clues and find the materials to build their raft. It's a "Huckleberry Finn meets corporate scavenger hunt" variation that engages everyone. Whichever version you choose, *Build-A-Boat* is a prime example of nurturing team spirit using levity and laughter in a perfectly safe adventure they share together.



Ideal Usage:

- Project start-up, conclusion or mid-project motivation
- Annual meetings
- Retreats and celebrations

Minimum/Maximum Group Size:

10 to 200

Program Length:

3 hours

Debrief:

If you would like a debrief for this event, please let us know and we would be pleased to lead one for you.

Space Requirements:

A calm body of water such as a pool, bay, or lake. Space on the shoreline to build vessels.