



BUILD-A-BOAT

YOUR CREW. YOUR BOAT. YOUR VICTORY!

BENEFITS & RESULTS

- Builds communication skills
- Fosters collaboration
- Promotes brainstorming, and the expression of ideas
- Celebrates team success
- Boosts leadership and team spirit
- Advances resource management skills



Build-A-Boat brings teams together for a highly unique sink-or-swim experience! Teams collaborate and compete in this challenging raft regatta. In building a seaworthy vessel, groups also build creativity, trust, and fun! Will your team come out high and dry, or end up all wet?

Build-A-Boat participants are divided into small project teams; each team is in charge of building a raft from a limited supply of resources that include PVC pipes, tarps, rope, and other inflatable materials. Teams also collaborate to craft paddles, and a customized team flag. Their plans are documented, and they are rewarded for brainstorming, safety and sportsmanship.

Once afloat, each team's vessel and paddle must be capable of transporting team members and their proudly designed team flag. The raft captain must navigate through a course (a dock or buoy on a body of water) and then (hopefully!) all the way back to shore.

Imagine a corporate version of Huckleberry Finn, except with lifejackets! During the event, teams are judged on a variety of criteria, including best team flag, fastest time, most attractive raft, and more. Participants should be prepared to get anywhere from a little wet, to completely soaked. Sink or swim, it's fun for everyone. *Build-A-Boat* is a prime example of nurturing team spirit using levity and laughter in a perfectly safe adventure they share together.

PROGRAM LENGTH:

Up to 3 hours

GROUP SIZE:

10 - 120

TEAM SIZE:

4 - 8 people per team

SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

A calm body of water such as a pool, bay, or lake, and space on shore, near the water, to build the vessels.

TRAINING/DEBRIEF:

An optional debrief, led by a trained facilitator, highlights team strengths and underscores the benefits of working together.

IDEAL USE:

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

Build-A-Boat brings teams together for a unique sink-or-swim experience!