

Title of the activity : Amoeba Electric Fence

For who : 15+
Duration : 15-45 min
Number of players : 4+
Place : Inside/Outside
Characteristic :
-Challenge
- Cooperation
- Risk

Type of game : Challenge
Educational interest :
- Stimulate challenge, decision-making and cooperation
Materials :
- Duct tape, chairs

Goal : Encourages participants to take risk and reflect about challenges in Life

Method :

1. Circle up the group. Distribute or display the appropriate “Risk Taking Note” for the activity. Have one participant read it aloud twice. Provide a few moments for the participants to think about the message:

The Berlin Wall separating East from West Germany was built in 1961. The goal of the Wall was to keep people who lived in East Berlin from being able to leave. However, the Wetzels and Strlzycks families decided that they would take the risk to get to freedom in West Berlin. They secretly bought small amounts of nylon cloth so as not make anyone suspicious. When they had enough cloth, they sewed it together to form a hot air balloon. They had saved just enough fuel to get into the air, and in the middle of the night, they took the risk, put together their balloon, and floated over the wall to freedom.

2. Share the following storyline with group:

You are attempting to cross this fence so that you can get to freedom on the other side. You will need to accept the help and support of your fellow travelers. Together you can make it!

3. **Challenge:** The entire group must cross over the “electric fence” without touching it and without letting go of each other.
4. Follow the guidelines below:
 - The group may not utilize the space directly under the horizontal bar of the fence
 - No one may touch the fence or any support
 - Everyone must hold on to each other
 - No other supplies may be used in this activity
 - A team member crossing over the fence must remain in physical contact with at least one other teammate all times
 - If any guidelines are broken, the group must begin again