

NAME GAME WITH TARP

A GROUP EXERCISE TO LEARN NAMES

MATERIALS

A **tarpaulin or blanket** that can easily be held up by two people holding a corner. The tarp must be opaque and large enough (at least 6' x 8'), so that one group cannot see more than the vaguest outline, if anything, of who is on the other side.

The two people holding the tarp should be tall enough so that when their arms are stretched up, the tarp blocks at least 6' of the space. (Shorter folks can stand on some sturdy chair or other stable surface.)

SET UP

The group is divided into two teams of equal size. We often pit the men against the women, if the groups are fairly equal. The two groups gather on either side of the tarp.



A tarpaulin is held up between the two groups, blocking their view of each other.

INSTRUCTIONS

Each group selects a member who will be the point person. That person is to stand close to the tarpaulin. When the tarp is lowered, those two facing point people are to shout out as quickly as possible the name of the person facing him/her. The first one to guess the

other's name correctly wins, and the losing person joins the other team, Red Rover style.

That process is repeated, using different point people, until time is called. The group with the larger number of members is the winner.

CHECKPOINTS

Be careful to set up in a spot that doesn't have a reflecting window. Groups have been known to cheat by viewing the other team's point person in a reflection.

