



Activity: Social Network Mapping Game

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Objective

To help youth participants begin to think about adults and peers in their lives and how close they are to these people.

NOTE: *This activity is a precursor for creating their social network maps through this facilitation activity.*



Instructions

- Decide upon a starting line and then place the three bins in front at varying distances (closer, farther away, and farthest away) with the corresponding box signs on the front of each:
 - Bullseye Buddies: closest bin
 - Steady Archery: middle bin
 - Long Range Roamers: furthest bin
- It should be relatively easy to make a shot in the Bullseye Buddies bin and then progress in difficulty.
- Have the hacky sacks in a bag at the starting line.
- Refer to following script for instructions on how to facilitate the game.

Supplies

- 3 folding cloth bins
- Hacky sacks (enough for each participant)
- 3 Binder clips (to attach signs to each bin)
- Facilitator script (next page)
- Printed bin signs (following pages)

Thank you

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SCRIPT FOR FACILITATORS

“Welcome to our makeshift Archery Range. The goal of this game is to get you to start thinking about different kids and adults in your life and their closeness to you.

Here is how the game works. We have three different bins, which represent different levels of closeness:

1. The 1st bin represents your Bullseye Buddies – these are the closest people in your life.
2. The 2nd bin represents your Steady Archers – these are people that are close, but not as close as those Bullseye Buddies.
3. The 3rd bin represents your Long-Range Roamers – these are people that are in your social network but they are not as close as Bullseye Buddies and Steady Shooters.

So each round we will be thinking about characteristics of different levels of closeness and then try to make a shot into the corresponding bin. To start, can I have everyone please form a single file line in front of me and then we will get started! Also, once you make your shot, you can then go stand in the back of the line, and my fellow facilitators will collect your hacky sacks for you.”

Round 1 - Characteristics of a Bullseye Buddies

“When you feel close with someone, you understand each other well, they praise and encourage you, and you enjoy yourself when you are around them. For Round 1, we are going to try to make our shots into the Bullseye Buddies bin. This is the closest bin and represents people in your life who you feel the closest with.”

- Each participant gets one try to throw their hacky sack into the closest bin.
- Once each participant makes their first shot, they should go to the back of the line
- Facilitators should collect the hacky sacks in between each round to redistribute

Round 2 - Characteristics of Steady Archers

“As I said before, closeness with someone typically means you understand each other, there is praise and encouragement, and you enjoy yourself when you are with them. For Round 2, we are going to try to make our shots into the Steady Archers bin to represent people who are close in your life, but not as close as those Bullseye Buddies.” NOTE: Repeat the same process from Round 1

Round 3 - Characteristics of Long Range-Roamers

“This third round has us thinking about our Long Range-Roamers, so we are going to try to make our shots in the furthest bin to represent close people in our lives but they are not as close as our first two categories.”

NOTE: Repeat the same process for Round 1. If time permits, you can move on to the Final Round

Final Round

While a facilitator is collecting hacky sacks, they should rearrange the bins so they are all the same distance away from the starting line (they should all be in a line near where the long-range roamers bin is).

“For the final round, we want each of you to think about a person in your life that could be considered either a Bullseye Buddy, Steady Acherer, or Long Range-Roader. You will then try to make a shot in that corresponding bin. But before you try to make your shot, you need to let me know your person and what bin you are trying to make it in.”

Wrap Up: Make sure to say thank you to the participants and then give information about where they should go from the game for the next activity.

LONG-RANGE ROAMERS



STEADY ARCHERS



BULLSEYE BUDDIES

