

A Treasure Hunt for Projects

This is a Treasure Hunt for Projects. No, you do not get to go outside and hunt under the trees for a project the way we did when we were little and you were looking for Easter eggs.

In fact, when you were doing Easter egg hunts, did you work in teams? No – if you were like me you tried to find as many yourself – all by yourself – as you could.

Well this is a Team Treasure Hunt.

The first thing we are going to do is Brainstorm at our tables.

[Move people if necessary to fill up tables.]

Now when you Brainstorm you make a list. You do NOT discuss the items you throw out to put on the list – you just make a list.

You are going to Brainstorm on who we could partner with for a Service (Fund Raising) project. It may be a company, a for-profit or a non-profit organization, another service Club.

This is step one of our process and you are just going to do what? Right, just make a list of those we could partner with.

Now I know some of you like to explain your answers – you will want to give a name we could partner with and you are going to want to tell everyone why you said what you said. PLEASE DON'T.

If you stop and talk about one item on the list, you lose the flow of the thinking process. You take up valuable time and you will not get as many good ideas on the list.

I am going to be walking around during the 5 minutes you have to do this and if I hear one of you saying more than 1 or 2 words at a time, I will say, “Move on.”

You are going to Brainstorm and make a list. I promise you, you will have time to discuss the items on your list – LATER.

Ready. You have five minutes to make your list.

Time is up. You did great.

Now give me (this table) one of the names on your list that you want to plan a project with. [Get all their ideas up on a flip chart – do not duplicate – if someone says hospitals and someone else gives a specific name of a hospital – you just have one of them on the chart]

Now we are going to vote for our top choices. I want for each of you to come up and put a check mark beside your top 3 choices.

[Narrow it down to the top 4 or 5 vote getters. Get their consensus that these are the ones they want to move forward with by saying:

It looks like *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, and *e* got the most votes. Can we agree that these are our top choices at this point in time?]

[Assign each table one of the top vote getters.]

Now, you have 5 minutes to come up with projects you could do with the company/organization you have been assigned. Please have someone make bullet points about what you say.

5 minutes

Alright – let's share what you have. [Choose a table and have them tell about their project. Do all the tables and list the projects – just a few words – on the flip chart paper.]

OK, now we are going to narrow it down to our top two projects.

Please come back up and vote for your favorite two projects.

It looks like *c* and *e* have the most votes so we are going to turn these over to our Projects [or Fund Raising] Division to take the top two and come back with a one or two new projects for the club to consider.

[Note – you may only come up with one good project to go to the Division; that is fine. You may come up with three – it will vary for each club.]