

## **Four Corporate Teambuilding Activities To Strengthen Your Team**

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Team building activities help companies and individuals access strengths and weaknesses in a fun and interactive way while also helping to create a positive working environment. GEP Philly recommends a variety of activities based on client needs to help with this process and every event is offered with customized options. Here are four popular teambuilding events that have been successful with some recent clients.

**Philadelphia Scavenger Hunts** – These activities are usually customized based on the area of the city that the client hotel is located; however, hunts in the Historic Mile or Old City of Philadelphia is commonly requested. Scavenger Hunts usually begin and end in a hotel meeting room or restaurant. The guests are broken into smaller groups, usually of five to seven members and all the groups are handed materials along with being given a list of rules. Creativity can be used by having each group give themselves a custom name or symbol or a different colored object that identifies each group. Groups are then sent on a timed excursion out in the streets of Philadelphia and their desired geographical area. The groups are required to answer clues using the materials they have been given along with using Polaroid cameras to capture images or simple pen and paper. These items can also include creative team challenges, challenging riddles to solve, and customized company information written right into the list of 100+ items. For longer hunts professional actors can be added to “pop-up” throughout the hunt with additional clues and challenges. This activity helps groups utilize their time management skills while learning to work together positively and have each team strategize, communicate, problem solve, negotiate and work together in an event that is disguised as so much fun. The fun also continues when the teams gather back at the meeting space or restaurant for the tallying of the points and the sharing of the team challenges. It is a great alternative to long, indoor meetings and is also a perfect opportunity to get some site-seeing done as well in Philadelphia!

**2. Cooking Classes** – Culinary teambuilding activities are growing in popularity and options are endless when it comes to choosing a cuisine to create! Typically guests are taken to a local Philadelphia restaurants or culinary school for a creative and fun alternative to learning communication and organizational skills useful for both in and out of the office. Guests have the opportunity to choose a culinary theme for the evening based on a region, such as Italian, Mexican, French or even the eclectic tastes of Philadelphia! Your guests will be divided into smaller groups, and each will be given a portion of the meal to create, with the help of GEP Philly staff and culinary professionals. Once the meals are completed groups will share enjoyment in savoring the dishes they have created. Pricing includes all cooking materials and tools, beverage requests, GEP Philly staffing and can also include chef coats and hats as a souvenir.

**3. Dragon Boat Racing** – Athletic activities are not only a great way to relieve stress they are also the perfect way for employees to learn the essential skills to becoming a team player! GEP Philly organizes Dragon Boat Racing teambuilding activities on the Schuylkill River, a sport bearing resemblance to the crew races that take place on Boat House Row. This activity includes

transportation to the activity site, snacks and beverages throughout the day, and can even be customized to include a short training session on the Eight Secrets of Inspirational Leadership. Once the group is divided into teams, they will receive their colored shirts and hats and participate in their own Dragon Boat Regatta, racing down the Schuylkill River. Though it seems simple, team members must communicate and work together if they want to win the gold. Winners are awarded their prizes at a medal ceremony to end the event, however all guests will be given a photo collage of their memorable experience in Philadelphia.

**4. Build – a- Bike** – This activity combines teamwork with philanthropic interests. GEP Philly provides all of the tools necessary for groups to assemble children’s bikes for a local youth organization in a meeting room that is to be provided by the client. After guests gather in the meeting space, they will be separated into teams of four and will choose from a list of responsibilities for the duration of the program. Although it is important for each member to uphold their position, they are encouraged to help and guide each other through the process. Before they get started, a representative from the youth organization chosen will give them more information on why they are building the bikes and who they will go to. Once guests process this information, they often become more motivated to work together efficiently. GEP Philly provides staff and a quality control & safety specialist to inspect each bike before personally delivering them to the youth organization chosen.

As with all of our services, GEP Philly strives to provide perfection when it comes to your teambuilding activity. The above menu only represents a fraction of what we could provide, as the GEP Philly staff can create the best program based on your needs and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us for a detailed proposal!