
The Gravity Defying Tube

Type	Active activity that can be done anywhere. Works on problem solving and teamwork.
Group Size	Groups of 8 to 12. You can have larger groups, but you need a longer tube.
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 long tube. If your group is small enough (eight people), you can use a wrapping paper cardboard tube. You can also make the tube by taking large sheets of paper (newspaper) and rolling it so as to create a tube that is at least 5 feet long and about an inch in diameter. It must be fairly stiff so that it doesn't bend too easily. Hold the tube together with tape.
Scenario	Your group has just captured the elusive tube snake. This snake is incredible volatile and extremely poisonous. It has been subdued for the moment due to the calm vibes that it receives through EVERY group member's touch. If that touch is broken for even a split second, the snake will turn on the group and what will ensue is too horrible to even describe. The group must lower the snake to the ground so that it can go on its merry way.
Objective	The objective is for the group to lower the tube to the ground without anyone losing contact with it.
Rules	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. One half of the group stands on one side of the tube with the other half on the other side of the tube with everyone facing each other.2. Everyone bends their arms so that their hands are out in front of them with their index fingers sticking out.3. The tube is placed on the entire group's index fingers. Everyone must have their index fingers in contact with the bottom of the tube.4. No one's index fingers may be touching any other index fingers.5. The group must now lower the tube until it is resting on the ground.6. No one can lose contact with the tube for even a split second.7. If anyone's index finger loses contact with the tube, the entire group must start over again.
Variations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The more people you add to a group, the harder it becomes. The tube has to be long enough to accommodate them all.
Notes	This one really requires that the group is honest. It is very difficult to monitor every single finger so it's up to the individual group members to recognize when they have lost contact and say so.