

# LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

## Finding Places to Lead

Looking for an organization to team up with for an event or activity? Find one with similar goals, whose mission complements yours. Or think about a group that could add another dimension to yours.

▶ **CLUBS** Are you in a government or civics club? Ask the local Republican and Democratic parties to include you in one of their events. It'll broaden your agenda, probably give you an interesting speaker, and you'll connect with people in the community who are interested in what you're doing.

▶ **SCHOOL TEAMS** Are you in a school band or sports team? Ask your coach to let you have a spirit day? Ask off-season teams to join you with a short exhibition or even a comedy act. The more you involve, the more fun and successful it will be.

▶ **CHARITABLE PROJECTS** Need to raise funds for a charitable project? If you invite other groups to help, you have to share the profits, but you reach a wider group of people to

If your group's project funds summer camps for kids and the other group wants to raise money for family literacy, you've got a great tie and commonality. And donors will likely appreciate your ingenuity.

Any group that shares a similar interest with yours is a prospect for a one-time joint meeting or a school or public event. There's power in numbers, so increase yours!

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School Datebooks

Your Groups, Possible Partners

▶ List your activities and clubs:

▶ What other school groups might be interested in and match for an activity?

▶ What community groups might join you in a project?

- Association of Women Business Owners
- Chamber of Commerce
- Friends of the Zoo
- Kiwanis
- Lions Club
- Optimists
- Other:

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—Joyce Carol Oates