

LESSONS IN **LEADERSHIP**

# Teamwork

## Collaborate to Win



Is your club stuck in a rut, doing the same thing at meetings, feeling a little bored and tired? Infuse new energy and interest by teaming up with another group for an action, event or social service project.

It might be interesting to meet with another school's club like your own, to involve middle school students, or even adults. New ideas, information and opportunities can emerge.

If you're working on a project like setting up a community park or raising funds for a basketball goal at the park, two groups can get the work done quicker and easier—and both will get lots of kudos and credit.

Good leaders understand the value of partnerships and teams. They look for them. Build them. Nurture them.

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➔ **It's All About Everyone**

- ▶ You know the type who think, "It's all about me." They rarely make good leaders, because the "me" is too focused on power, control and attention. Leaders who are focused on group goals know it takes everyone to reach them, sometimes even partnerships outside the group.

▶ **ONE EXAMPLE:** Some marches on Washington, D.C. are cosponsored by more than 100 groups! They know every group will bring a contingency to do a little extra support for the cause.

In your class, school, community and beyond, think about winning through teamwork and partnerships. It makes for good leadership and achieving goals.

**"NONE OF US IS AS SMART AS ALL OF US."**  
—Ken Blanchard

**"TALENT WINS GAMES, BUT TEAMWORK AND INTELLIGENCE WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS."** —Michael Jordan

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