

# TICKET COLLECTOR

## Core Values Activity

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### Materials:

Index cards (1 for each team member)

Long, horizontal surface (long enough for your team to stand on it side by side and no wider than about 10 inches) e.g. plank, log, etc.



### Setup

Number the index cards in sequence (for example, numbers 1-6 for a 6-member team). If you do not have a freestanding surface as described above, use masking tape to mark off an area 8-10 inches wide and long enough for all team members to stand.

Have the team members stand on the surface in a row. Pass out the cards, keeping them in sequence. Take your position at the end of the line with the highest number.

### Instructions to the team:

You are lined up on a bridge waiting to see a show. You have each been given a ticket that will admit you to the show. However, the team must hand the tickets to me (the ticket collector) in numerical order, lowest to highest, beginning with the number 1 ticket. As you turn in your tickets in the correct order, you may step off the bridge and enter the

show. If anyone falls off the bridge, they are "out" and cannot enter the show.

### Variations:

If a team member falls off, they are not "out," but the entire team must start the process again from the beginning.

### Discussion:

The most common solution to the challenge is for the team to cooperate physically, helping each team member pass the others to get in the correct order. However, creative thinking may lead the team to realize that it is easier to switch the positions of the tickets than to switch the positions of the people.

Did your team figure out they could simply trade cards, so the person closest to the ticket collector would have the lowest numbered card?