

## Gutter Ball

**Type of Initiative:** Problem-Solving

**Time:**

5 mins planning

5 mins to 30 mins action

**Brief Description**

- A teambuilding activity where each participant gets one short length of half pipe, and the group must work together to deliver a marble down the pipes from start point to finish. Requires a high level of communication and teamwork.

**Props:** 30 one-foot long gutters, one marble, one bucket

- This is a group problem solving & communication exercise
- This activity involves moving marbles or different sized balls or even water down lengths of half pipe or 1 1/2" gutters. The trick? Each participant has only one short length of pipe each, and the start and finish points can be separated by an obstacle course.
- Can be done with children of upper primary age, teenagers and adults in a variety of settings both indoors and outdoors.
- Choose this activity when you need to energize the group into a team, or to emphasize the importance of each member's actions in a team.

**Directions**

- As facilitator, you can control how hard or easy to make this task. You can take them over obstacles, down stairs, around trees, etc. If, for example, the group is in the forming stage, put only one minor obstacle in the path and create opportunity for fairly instant experiential success of teamwork. If the team is functioning cohesively, make the obstacle course longer and harder and more physically challenging in order to deepen their experience of what they can achieve together.

