

Be Resourceful!

A well prepared Team Manager will also have a resource file. A resource file can be created in a file box that is made available to the team during meetings. Each file should hold creative ideas found in photos, magazine pages, books, tutorial information, and other optional resources such as websites. In this resource file there should be files for the following, however, this is not a complete list so add files to help support whatever challenge your team is doing!

Costumes

Structures

Unique use of everyday materials

Simple Machines - (pop up books are great resource ideas for this)

Unusual uses of color

Cardboard creations

Stories/story lines that might be useable (include funny sayings, memorable movie lines, etc.)

Science experiments

Electrical Wiring diagrams

Recipes - this will be recipes for things like homemade glue, paper mache', play dough, magnetic paint, etc.

Puppets

Furniture and prop ideas

Background ideas

Websites

WOW! How to you create this file all by yourself? YOU DON'T! Introduce your team to their resource file, then explain that the team is only as strong as their resource file so create a contest to see who can bring the most "new" resources for the next meeting then ask them to bring in a new resource to each meeting after that. Explain to the kids that they can bring in magazine pages, find creative or funny comments and sayings from the TV and write them down, take pictures of unusual objects or structures, find stuff on websites, download pictures.

Here are some internet resources that could be helpful:

www.mrmcgroovys.com

www.pinterest.com

www.tapebrothers.com

Here are some publication resources that could be helpful: obviously some of these are also online

Parenting Magazine

Family Fun - great on line resource as well

Parents Magazine

Better Homes and Gardens