TeamSparks!™ Card

Seeking Shelter

Goal

Design and build a mini model of a safe, portable shelter that could help someone who needs a place to stay. Your shelter should be able to stand on its own, be easy to move, and include at least one special feature that makes it safer or more comfortable.

Mission

Your team has been asked by your Community Council to design a shelter that could help people who need a safe place to stay. You'll work together to build a small model of a shelter and then share your idea like community leaders — showing how it helps others and why it's a good idea for your city. When you present, speak clearly, be respectful, and show pride in your team's work.

Your Shelter Must:

- Stand on its own
- Be easy to move or carry
- Use only the materials provided
- Include at least one creative idea that makes it safer, warmer, or more comfortable

Coordinator Card

Time (Total: 12 minutes)

- Brainstorm & Plan (3 min): Discuss and sketch your design without touching materials. Begin planning and decide who your Community Leader will be during the presentation.
- Build Phase Round 1 (2 min): Start building with given materials.
- Spark Reveal
- Build Phase Round 2 (5 min): Redesign, Continue building with the spark reveal and continue with your presentation planning.
- Present the shelter (2 min): Your Community Leader will share:
 - Who your shelter helps
 - What makes it strong and helpful
 - What changed after the Spark
 - Why it's a good idea for your community

Resource Card

Materials

4 construction paper
1 paper plate
2 styrofoam cups
1 piece of aluminum foil
5 cotton balls

1 tissue paper6 mailing labels4 pipe cleaners5 paper clips

Strategist Card

Scoring (100 points total)

- Shelter Functionality (20 pts): Does the shelter stand on its own and meet basic requirements?
- Creative use of Materials (20 pts): Did the shelter include unique or thoughtful features that makes it safer or more comfortable.
- Portability of the Shelter (10 pts): Can the shelter be moved without falling apart?
- Presentation (20 pts): Was the presentation clear, organized, and professional?
- Teamwork (30 pts): Clear roles, conflict resolution, additive idea generation, time management, spark adaptability

The Spark Card

Material Recall!

Breaking News: During your shelter inspection, it's discovered that one of your materials, the mailing labels, is unsafe to use in this weather!

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