

# Experimentation: Success and Failure

- At the activity level: We'll dig into this today
- At the program level
  - Pura Vida
  - Mountains to Main Street
  - NPS Academy





### NPSA Framework

Orientation

Internship

Outreach

Professional Development

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### Think-Pair-Share: Introductions

- 1. Take a moment to reflect on your personal connection to this work. Why did you chose to join us this afternoon and what do you hope to get out of today's session.
- 2. Find a partner (preferably someone who you don't already know)
- 3. Discuss your experience focusing on 'ah-hah' moments and 'tripping hazards' doing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work with your partner.
- 4. Report out on some of the "Tripping hazards" that you and your partner identified in your conversation

# Activity Highlight: Peer Leader Skits

- You're only here because you're brown.
- Where'd the internet go?
- Why do your clothes smell funny?
- You did what all summer, were you running in the woods naked?



### Behind the Scenes

- How peer leaders shape the program in real time
- Internal pathways to leadership
- A place at the Table
  - Morning Leadership Meetings
  - Long Range Planning
- Experiential professional development



Whenever you enter a new or potentially hazardous situation, or experience a significant change in the work environment, or otherwise sense potential harm—

IT'S TIME TO TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY.

#### 1. STOP

Deliberately acknowledge that the task or activity you are about to begin requires a safety assessment.

#### 2. THINK

Think through and make observations about the hazards inherent to the task or activity at hand.

#### 3. IDENTIFY HAZARDS & ASSESS RISKS

Determine the environmental, human, and tool hazards, and calculate the associated risks.

#### 4. PLAN

Develop a plan for managing risks and conduct a safety briefing.

#### 5. MANAGE

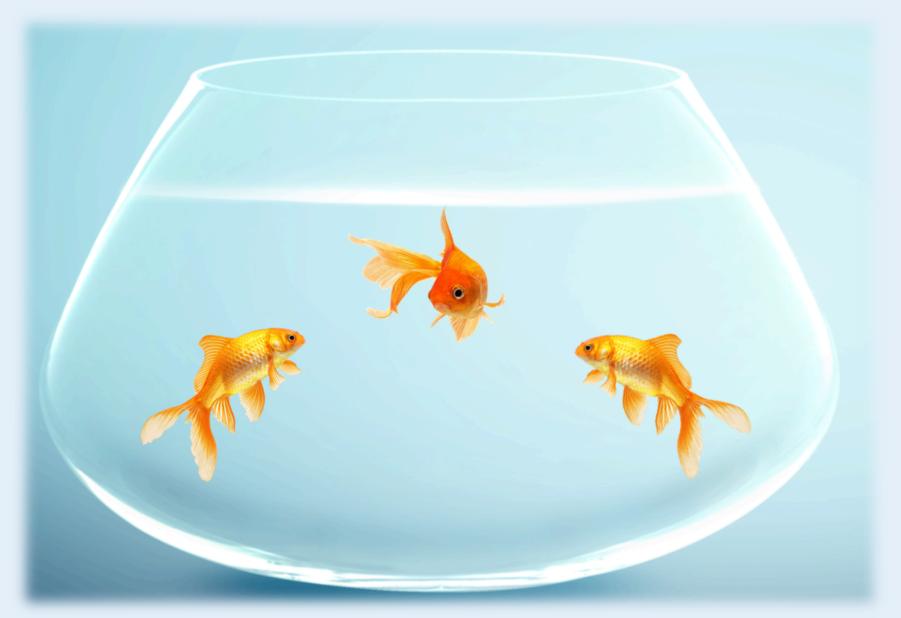
Continually monitor and adjust activities while supervising members. If necessary, re-group and *Take 5 for Safety* again.

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### The Bear in the Room

- Hint: it's Racism
- Do we:
  - address the uncomfortable social psychological reality of racism and inequity full speed at the beginning and then unpack and process through activity, or
  - trickle in through activity and build to reflective processing at the end?
- Get together in triads and "take five" for both of the above scenarios

# Addressing Racism and Privilege



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### Mock Fishbowl

• Is someone a racist if they are a part of a privileged group that enjoys the rewards of inequity?

### Process the Fishbowl

- Group Discussion:
  - What risks did you feel, or perceive, in the group?
  - What are some tripping hazards of using the fishbowl?
  - What are some potential techniques you could use as a facilitator to manage the emotional/psychological risks inherent in this activity?

# Promoting Dialogue



## Caucusing

- Form groups:
  - 1. Field Instructors
  - 2. Coordinators and Managers
  - 3. Organizational Leadership
- In groups, consider the following:
  - What do you wish you could change?
  - What frustrates you about this work?
  - How can you actively do to be a part of the change?

## Inspire Action

- Synthesize lessons learned
- What next? Based on what you know and/or what you've learned, what are you going to do or do different?
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