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
Pura Vida
NPSA Framework

Orientation  Internship  Outreach  Professional Development
Goal and Guidelines

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Think-Pair-Share: Introductions

1. Take a moment to reflect on your personal connection to this work. Why did you choose 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?
Democratization of Leadership
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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