

TEAMBUILDING

Go Local: Teambuilding Ideas

By Connect Staff

SHARE [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Activities that bring a group together can bond them long after a meeting ends.

"Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates." —Magic Johnson, basketball icon



Treasure Hunt at Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia

VIRGINIA On the Chesapeake Bay, the appropriately titled Tides Inn has an unusual excursion on its activity lineup: Carters Creek treasure hunt. Participants staying at this Irvington, Virginia property are given clues and riddles to decipher and have to follow them to discover a treasure. Pirates and thieves have a storied history on the bay, and the activity plays it up.



Cowboy breakfast after clay shooting at Barnsley Resort

GEORGIA Show incentive winners a bang-up time with a luxury trip to Barnsley Resort in the enchanting foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, about an hour north of Atlanta. The property is made up of alpine cottages in an outdoors-aficionado paradise. A Fortune 500 beverage company and others have used the sporting clay course as a team bonding experience. The resort provides group and individual instruction with a half round of sporting clays on shooting grounds carved out

of the tree cover. Guests get instruction, and then hang out for an outdoor cowboy cookout and bonfire.

FLORIDA At South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island, Florida, the sand is used for more than laying out. For a beachside teambuilding experience, event coordinators can encourage communication in a South Seas regatta challenge. Crews compete to build and race miniature sailboats constructed from limited supplies. The resort also has ocean kayaking and a beach Olympics activity along two and a half miles of Captiva coast with staff referees who provide instruction, scorekeeping and an awards ceremony.



Rhode Island's Weekapaug Inn arranges nature walks led by local guide Mark Bullinger

RHODE ISLAND Funny names are abundant around Weekapaug Inn on the banks of the Quonochontaug Pond in Westerly, but so is natural beauty. Naturalist and Director of Recreation Mark Bullinger grew up in the area digging for clams, fishing local waters and working at the inn during the '70s. In 2012, he returned after a \$20 million renovation and now leads groups around salt ponds, marshes and the coastline for one-of-a-kind experiences like barrier beach walks, horseshoe crab-mating rituals, and, of course, brilliant storytelling. Consider hosting an off-site clambake on the property and hiring

Bullinger to lead breakout groups into the wilderness.