



Life Skills – Problem Solving Conflicts!



Aim of the Game: To experience conflict and find ways to solve it.

Learning Objectives:

- To talk about different types of conflict.
- To find ways to solve conflicts.
- To present these conflicts and solutions in a dramatic presentation.

Structure: Small groups

Time: 30-60 minutes

Materials: Visual Aid "Types of Conflict" and copies of the conflict story.

Method:

- Explain to the Scouts that in literature, a writer employs four types of conflict:
 1. **Man against Man** - where a character or characters in a story pose a problem to another.
 2. **Man against Nature** - where natural conditions (calamities and disasters) pose a problem to the character(s).
 3. **Man against Himself** - where the character's own imperfections pose a problem to the character.
 4. **Man against Society** - where the rules, norms, values, systems and structures of a society pose a problem to the characters.
- Give out copies of the conflict story, for each group to work on and rehearse their own solutions.
- Allow ample time for the groups to talk and plan their presentations.

The Conflict Story:

On a summer weekend a group of friends decide to go for a swim in the river.

Conflict one: two of these friends are rivals to be the leader of the group and to 'win' the heart of the girl (or boy) that they love.

Conflict two: There was a rainstorm and the river has become wild with the sudden increase in the volume of water.

Conflict three: One of the group does not feel too good about him or herself. He/she thinks that one of the other boys/girls is much more clever than he/she is.

Conflict four: There is a law forbidding young girls and boys to swim in the river without adult supervision, which none of the young people knew about.

Evaluation:

- How did you find the experience of talking about and presenting conflict stories and crafting your own solutions?
- What did you consider when you plotted your solutions? Why?