

Mold new leaders with Lakeside Pottery's leadership program

The leadership programs at Lakeside Pottery have been specifically designed by The Executive Resource Center and Lakeside Pottery to achieve goals that they find their clients seek and that their medium can provide.

Benefits:

1. Break down barriers.
2. Enhance communication.
3. Develop group problem solving.
4. Overcome obstacles.
5. Address the process issues of working together.
6. Gain dimension on colleagues' behavior.

These goals are achieved by putting the team in new environment with unfamiliar kinds of challenges against which they can deploy their natural abilities. That is why Lakeside Pottery is a distinctive and effective solution to building strong teams.

The Lakeside Pottery program places your team in a scenario in which they must work together, communicate clearly and efficiently, distinguish tasks and roles, and handle obstacles that arise in the process of reaching a defined goal. All this may sound like "work", but at the same time, the group mem-



bers are having a great time learning a new skill, getting to know each other and getting their hands "dirty" literally.

Lakeside Pottery Team Building uses the ancient form of pottery making to help bring the group together in a whole new way. It's really fairly simple. The team will be tasked to create a set of clay pieces that work as a unit toward a specific goal. An example might be build your company's product from clay. They will be guided from "strategic development" through "project planning and scheduling," through "skills development" and "execution," and finally, "testing." At the same time, they will be achieving all the goals described above. Of course, each person will be left at the end—not only with a sense of satisfaction and grubby jeans—but with physical proof, a reminder of the benefits of their efforts and of the team with which they worked.

For millennia, clay has been one of the most lasting remnants of great efforts of past cultures. This primitive material and the skills required to work with it, have parallels to the work that many of us do today. These similarities contrast with the vast differences. Every day, many of us are using our fingers to arrange electrons on a screen to express our thoughts, while at Lakeside, individuals are using their hands to mold the physical into shapes and forms that serve their needs.

Working with clay evokes a kind of social interaction that doesn't happen "around the water cooler" or via teleconference. Taking advantage of having your team together, by engaging them in this most distinctive of team building exercises, you create a model for the types of interactions they will continue to use when they return to their offices and business challenges.

Team Building Program Includes:

- Training in pottery: hand-building and potter's wheel.
 - Creating a pottery/clay project.
 - Using the pottery experience to achieve corporate teams goals.
 - Assessing team members strengths and areas for growth.
 - Learning how behavioral styles affect teams performance.
 - Understanding the components of a successful team.
 - Exploring quality of team leadership effectiveness.
 - Evaluating team performance.
- Programs can be conducted at your facility and can be customized to address your specific team building needs; additional fees may be required.



Minimum / Maximum Group Size: Up to 20 in the studio. Larger groups can participate with more trainers (at additional cost) in your location or a rented facility (e.g., hotel).
Program Length: One, one-and-a-half, or two days.

Space Requirements: In the studio (up to 20 people) or a remote location (up to 30 people).

For course prices as well as additional information Call (203) 323-2222 or e-mail mbachar@lakesidepottery.com.



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So who is the Tutoring Club? The Tutoring Club of Wilton/Norwalk is one of over 50 Tutoring Clubs across the USA, and that number is growing rapidly. As an organization, Tutoring Clubs have significant experience. Tutoring Clubs of America have been dedicated to helping children succeed for over 20 years. The Clubs are well-established and have proven methods.

So if you think your child needs help now or in the future, call the Tutoring Club at 750 TUTOR (750-8886). After all, a good education is the best gift that you can give your child.

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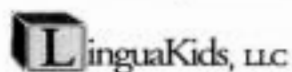
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