

Name Tent

Exercise and Instructions

The Name Tent exercise serves as an opening exercise as well as a resource to the trainer and participants through out the training program.

Instructions: Give each person an 8½x11 white piece of paper. Have colorful markers on the table. Tell participants that they will be making a name tent that will not only include their name but also some facts about themselves.

To make the name tent, follow these instructions:

1. Make a small fold, about 1 inch at the top of the short side of the paper. This will serve as the flap to hold the name tent in place.
2. Fold the remaining paper as though you were going to mail it in a business size envelope.
3. The paper is now ready to be used as a name tent.
4. It is wise for you to model this exercise.

Have participants print their name in the middle of the tent and in each corner they will be writing something about themselves that will be shared with their tablemates or large group if you have a small attendance at your workshop.

EXAMPLE

Gardening	Greenville, SC
Mary	
My Dad	Learn to be an effective leader

You can give them verbal directions or have this written on a flipchart:

In the upper left corner write a **hobby**

In the upper right corner write your **hometown**

In the lower left corner write the name of a **hero**

In the lower right corner write a **hope** for this class

Each person has up to **90 seconds** to share the facts on their name tent with their table mates or group. **YOU** go first (trainer model this)

Variation: Other words you can substitute for the 4 corners

History - something interesting about you

Holiday - favorite

Habit – that gets you good results

Happiest moment in your life