

Can I Have Your Space, *FJC Knowledge Center Resource*

AUTHOR:	Jon Adam Ross (JAR)
SUMMARY:	This is a great group warm-up game that involves non-verbal communication, movement, and group awareness. - <i>Submitted by Jon Adam Ross (JAR)</i>
TOPICS:	Communication Skills, Community Building, Group Dynamics
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	A fun back pocket game that also has some educational value.
AUDIENCE:	any
LENGTH:	20-30 Minutes
APPENDIXES:	
MATERIALS:	none
SETTING:	n/a

Session Description:

Have everyone stand in a circle. One person stands in the middle of the circle and must approach people around the circle and ask "Can I have your space?" Everyone must answer with, "No!"

While this is happening, anyone in the circle has permission to switch places with anyone else in the circle but they cannot speak to make the switch - they must use body language, eye contact, and other nonverbal cues.

If the person in the middle gets to an empty spot before it's re-filled by the switching person, the switching person caught in the middle is now the person in the middle. That's the game!

It's GREAT for group dynamics, fun, and teaching about: non-verbal communication, paying attention, trust, and other things.

Additional Notes for Bringing it Back to Camp:

Make sure you have a wide open space with no furniture so as to mitigate injury