Hog Call

*Developed in the field by educators affiliated with NSRF.*

**Task**
To find your partner while you are blindfolded.

**Materials**
Blindfolds for each participant

**Facilitation**
1. Ask participants to find a partner.
2. Ask each pair to share a matching set of words or sounds: e.g., shoe—foot; peanut—butter, night—day etc.
3. Each person should choose one of the words or sounds as theirs. The pair needs to agree on which word or sound each one will make.
4. Let them know that they are going to go to two ends of the area.
5. Each person will be blindfolded. Each person is to have one hand in front of them for protection.
6. Once you have arranged participants in two lines at least 60 feet away from each other, ask participants to put on their blindfolds.
7. Be sure to stress the importance of safety and moving carefully across the area. (Use other people to help with spotting if you are uncertain about the group with whom you are working.)
8. Explain that pairs can take off their blind folds once they find each other and then move to the side to watch the fun.

**Facilitation**
Primary responsibility is safety of the group. Watch for quick moving individuals who show little awareness of their own safety or the safety of others. Give individuals one warning about being safe and describe specifically how their behavior needs to change. Let individuals know that if they continue to be unsafe that they will need to leave the playing area. If they continue to act in an unsafe way, ask them to take off their blindfold and go to the sideline. Notify the partner that their partner is on the sideline.

This protocol was originally written in the 1990s/2000s. We encourage you to purchase an NSRF membership to access newer materials and to enroll in CFG Coaches' Training to access all of the updated materials and to develop a more thorough, experiential understanding. Protocols are most powerful and effective when used within an ongoing professional learning community such as a Critical Friends Group® and facilitated by a skilled coach. To learn more about professional learning communities and seminars for new or experienced coaches, please visit the National School Reform Faculty website at www.nsrfharmony.org.