

## **Balloon Castles**

**Supplies Needed:** 100 balloons, masking tape

**Number of People:** Teams of 4-6 people

### **Directions:**

- Split the group into smaller teams. Using the balloons and tape supplied to your team build the tallest, free-standing, self-supporting balloon castle that is possible.
- At the end of 20 minutes, stop the action. Make sure that the group lets go of their castle as soon as you say, "Stop!" If they do not let go, their group will be disqualified.
- After you have determined a winning team, ask everyone to sit on the floor, and debrief the activity.
- Note: This activity could also be done with marshmallows, spaghetti noodles, and masking tape.

### **Debriefing Questions:**

- What did you learn about relationships in this activity?
- What was your role in the activity and how did that help accomplish the greater goal?
- What did you learn about planning in this activity? Did you plan at all?
- What was most frustrating and rewarding about this activity?
- How did your team decide who would play what role and what type of structure you would build?