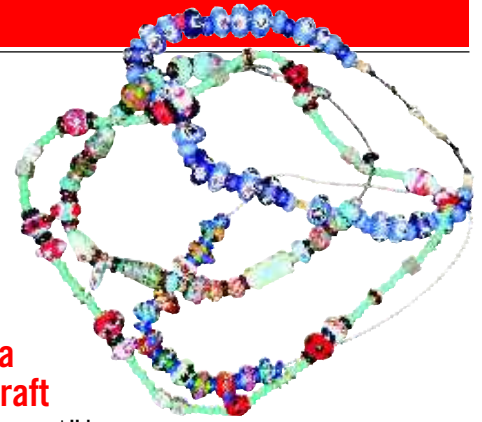


7 Ideas for Teambuilding Event

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Learn a Cool Craft

HONE CREATIVE SKILLS at **Urban Glass** (718.625.3685 ext. 222), a glass-making center in Brooklyn's Fort Greene neighborhood. Melting colored rods of glass with a torch, attendees can create glass beads—manipulating the color, shape, and size of each individual piece—and string them together into a bracelet. Urban Glass can host groups of as many as 10 and charge \$125 per person.



2 Make Some Music

LET EVERYONE BANG ON a drum during rhythm lessons from **Drum Cafe New York** (212.529.1881). Participants gather in groups to develop a rhythm with instruction from a lead drummer. A session usually lasts 45 to 80 minutes and can be done in any type of venue—office, banquet facility, even a large stadium—you just need a beat (and, probably, tolerant neighbors). The cost starts at \$1,500.



3 Take Aim

GIVE YOUR GROUP a rush of energy with rifle lessons at **Westside Rifle and Pistol Range** (212.243.9448). The 40-year-old company provides instruction and target practice for groups as large as 20. A two-hour session costs \$54.32 per person and includes a classroom lecture, instruction on how to handle the firearm, and then it's off to the firing line for target practice.

5 Seek Out the Clue

CITY HUNT (917.217.5340) creates a special scavenger hunt that sends people on an adventure around town. The company customizes special themes, often around neighborhood, location, or historical subject (from Irish pub hunt to investigative museum-oriented outing). Armed with digital cameras, teams photograph answers for a mystery clue as possible and then come together to present their work for a point. Fees range from \$50 to \$150 per person.



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Record the Memories

DOCUMENT TEAMBUILDING FUN by having **Photo Trek Tour** (212.410.2514) follow your group with a camera. The company, which regularly leads tours around the city, can also accompany employees as they tour the city for a scavenger hunt or head to different locations for activities. The cost varies from \$500 to \$700 for a four to eight-hour period and includes a CD of photos.



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Go Back to Reality

SURPRISE YOUR EMPLOYEES with a **Survivor**-type getaway. **EventCo Productions** (614.481.2122) put together an event inspired by the reality TV show, which is a competition to a beachfront destination and re-creating the program's tasks. EventCo can divide a group as large as 400 into teams to perform challenges, and the company incorporates tribal music and rustic food that reflect the setting.



7 Sweeten Up

EVERYBODY LOVES CHOCOLATE, right? Help attendees overcome their differences by getting them to play with the sweet stuff. **Teambonding.com**'s **Recipe for Success**

(888.398.8326 ext. 203) mixes chocolate-oriented tasks, including trivia and taste-test competition, or projects like constructing a bridge out of chocolate. The two- to three-hour sessions range from \$2,500 to \$4,500, depending on the size of your group, which can be as large as 300.

