

Mind Games For Middle School: Think, Learn & Have Fun!!!

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Champion Jen Laroche

Providence, RI

2016 - 2020



One Word Session Descriptions From Program Participants

Interesting
Entertaining
Fun
Engaging
Interactive
Educational
Creative
Thought Provoking
Informative
Stimulating
Analytical
Shocking
Cute
Applicable
Inspirational
Jovial
Mindblowing
Aha
Eye Opening
Misperception
Thoughtful
Nice
Confusing
In Creative
Tedious
Unexpected
Bizarre
Energetic
Enlightening

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NELMS Champions



2016

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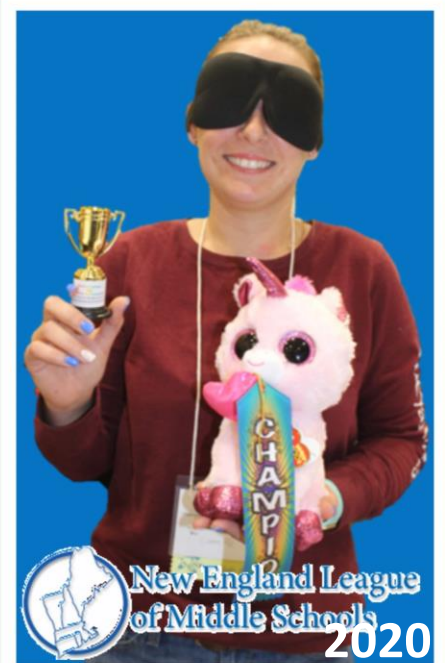
2017



2019



2018



2020



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A woman with brown hair, wearing a dark blazer over a red top and a blue lanyard, is giving a thumbs up with both hands. She is wearing a colorful, patterned blindfold over her eyes. The background is a solid blue color. To the right of the woman, the text "Jen Laroche's Birthday Activities" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

April's Hands



After I blindfolded April I applied lotion to her right hand.



Feeling The Exact Same Place On Both Hands

I told April to feel the exact same place on both hands. She said "my ring"



Final Exam

Name everyone in front of the room.
Jen named herself (excellent) but not Ron.

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Champion Amanda DeOliveira
Birthday Honoree Casey Lennon

Mind Games Is:

Informative
Interesting
Interactive
Education
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Entertainment
Fun
Engaging
Cute

One word session summaries from New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS 2017) participants on March 30, 2017 in Providence, RI.

Multitasking




Stand on one foot, eyes closed, recite alphabet backwards.




Draw a "6" with right hand while drawing clockwise circles with right foot.

Birthday Activities Starring Casey Lennon




The Eyewitness



After viewing bandana very briefly, Casey was blindfolded and asked to describe the bandana. She said it contained the words "Happy Birthday" and either streamers or balloons. When asked which was more likely she said "Balloons."

A Birthday Isn't A Birthday Without A Present!!!



need to find a \$1.01 check. It is hidden in the bandana!!!

Find your present. You may ask the audience "Yes/No" questions and move around. After a few minutes I provided the hint "objects can have more than one use."



Success!!!



Happy Birthday!!!

Details Starring Amanda DeOliveira




Q: What is on your right hand?
Answer: Lotion



What is on your left hand?

A: Lotion
A: Nothing
Hint: Describe your engagement.

A: Nothing
Hint: What did your husband give you?
A: My ring



Perceptually Inverted Navigation

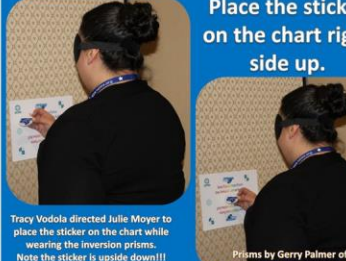


Starring Tracy Vodola and Julie Moyer

Place the sticker on the chart right side up.

Tracy Vodola directed Julie Moyer to place the sticker on the chart while wearing the inversion prism. Note the sticker is upside down!!!

Prisms by Gerry Palmer of <http://www.psychia.com>



The Semifinalists



Semifinalists Amanda DeOliveira, Tracy Vodola, Kristyn Johnson, Casey Lennon & Julie Moyer (left to right).

The Final Exam



Amanda was elected the champion & blindfolded for her final exam!!!

Prize Time



The exam question was to name everyone in front of the room. Amanda named most of the semifinalists. She named herself (which many people forget), but she forgot to name the presenter!!!

What did you win?



What do the magnet and ribbon say?

Ready to move to the next session



Thank you...



Super person cape courtesy of Hillary Haupt of Six Flags New England

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Kim Flynn

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Interesting

Fun, Funny, Thoughtful, Informative, Interactive, Tedious, Applicable, Mindblowing, Jovial, Shocking, Amazing, Inspiring, Engaging



Multitasking

Stand on one foot. Eyes closed. Recite alphabet backwards



Multitasking

Draw clockwise circles with your foot and a big "6" with your hand.



Sound Localization Starring Anne Kopp

Point to the pens being tapped. Perfect performance on left & right. Random performance in the middle.



The Eyewitness Starring Kim Flynn

Amanda counting the balloons. A: It says happy birthday and has about 15 balloons.

Q: Describe the bandana.



Find the Present Starring Kim Flynn



Audience Watching Kim



Asking Questions To Find Present








What Is On My Hand? Starring Chelsea Brown



There is lotion on my right hand. ☒

There is nothing on my left hand. ☐



There is a cloth ring on right hand. ☒

My ring is on my left hand. ☒



Chelsea Brown holding article with Amanda de Oliveira's photo explaining activity in Rhode Island Small Business Journal



Games of States



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Place sticker on the chart right side up.

Hannah Staib Maggie Topel



The Semifinalists

Hannah Staib, Presenter Amanda de Oliveira, Maggie Topel, Anne Kopp, Kim Flynn & Chelsea Brown



Champion

Chelsea Brown Final Exam

Name everyone in front of the room. Chelsea named the presenters and all of the semifinalists except herself!!!!

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Eyes closed.
Recite alphabet backwards.



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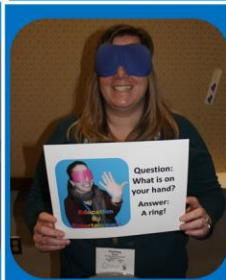


The
Eyewitness
Starring
Kyra
Whalen

Describe the bandana.
How many balloons are on it?



The
Birthday
Present
Starring
Kyra
Whalen



Details
Starring
Courtney
Musty



The Semifinalists



The Semifinalists: Derek Burkhardt, Kyra Whalen, Courtney Musty and Beth Fraser

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Our
Champion
Kyla Whalen

Kyra's champion's exam was to name everyone "on-stage." Initially, Kyra named everyone except herself & Ron.



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Kyra Whalen
Mind Games
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The Prizes



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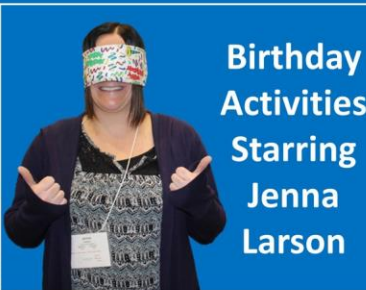
Multitasking Education By Entertainment



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Birthday Activities Starring Jenna Larson



The Eyewitness

Describe the bandana. How many balloons are on it?



Find Your Present

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Searching



Watching Jenna



More Searching



The Semifinalists



Details Starring Tori Koenigsnecht



Hand sanitizer on my right hand. 🟢
Nothing on my left hand. 🟡



What did I win?



Perceptually Inverted Navigation Starring Jen Grantham



The Semifinalists



The Semifinalists



The Champion Starring Samantha Wallack



The Champion And The Semifinalists



Thank You, Samantha!!!

Are Your Educational Events

- Eagerly Anticipated
- Educational
- Enjoyable
- Entertaining
- Exciting
- Fun
- Inspirational
- Productive?



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