Being a Team Player

You will work as a team to build the tallest structure in 20 minutes using the following items:

* 20 sticks of spaghetti
* 1 yard of masking tape
* 1 yard of string
* 1 marshmallow

Duty assignment for each team member:

Construction Worker – gathers the items needed for the activity; disassemble the structure after activity, disposes of spaghetti and marshmallow, returns unused and reusable supplies to their proper places

Foreman – provides instructions and guidance on how best to create the structure

General Manager – sketches structure on paper, labeling its parts as needed

Team Spokesman – after the activity, provides a brief oral presentation on the building of the structure

Master Builder – builds the structure with instructions and guidance of the team

After each group has presented its structure, regroup with your team members and answer the following questions:

1. How did you feel when you were first placed in this group?

2. How would your rate YOUR communication skills as a team member?

3. What qualities of effectiveness were exhibited by your team?

4. How can you succeed on a team, even if you disagree with a teammate?

5. On a scale from 1 – 5, where 1 = poor and 5 = excellent, how would you rate your team’s effort on this project? Justify your answer.