



ATTRACTING AN AUDIENCE

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Including Others

Including others is often not as difficult of a task as one might first perceive it. Adults and children alike want to be helpful and to participate. The difficulty often lies in barriers people setup whether it is an individual's metaphorical barrier, or an actual barrier. If you were to take a moment and observe the people around you, one would often be able to spot someone who might not be included in whatever activity is going on. While there might be times when an individual might be content in just observing, finding the answer to that question is often a **single conversation away**.



Helping Hands

When working with people who are outside of your team, or observers, it is helpful to have a single member of the team designated to give a presentation to those observing. In the case of balloon filling while a few members of the team will be preparing the balloon our team would have another member talking the observers through what we are doing while also answering any questions that someone might ask. Then, when possible, we would give the opportunity for our guest to release a balloon themselves.



Building a Community

Since our team was founded, we have spent a lot of time doing outreach. We have made connections with locals from New Orleans, Texas, and Arkansas. Together we gave experiences to those who might not have had the chance to participate otherwise. From the children of Saint Anna's, the faculty and guest of Camp Mitchell, to a random family-owned truck stop in Moore, Texas. All the people we met along the way were invaluable to our research and learning. However, our team '**Murphy's Law**' is a special connection that grows bigger and stronger with each adventure we move on to.



Working with Children

One flaw of mine is that I do not tend to be the best when it comes to handling children. How do I talk to children and approach them? Do I speak like there any other adult, or does my tone match that of a more childlike nature? In my experience with the children of Saint Anna's Place I believe the answer to that would be it depends. Be specific, yet gentle when giving direction. Be kind, patient, and listen when they inevitably begin talking about something that has nothing to do with the topic at hand.

Meeting New Friends

During our journey we have met with many different people from all walks of life whether it be a priest, a concierge at a hotel, or a family man who has his own truck shop in Texas. All of them were wonderful to meet and in total we handed out over 950 pairs of eclipse glasses and have met and discussed our project with over 250 different people. Some very notable people I would like to give credit to is **Ms. Priscilla Aguilar**, a concierge, was an invaluable resource during our time in Texas. She gave us directions to everywhere we needed to go, helped with logistics, and most importantly let us take over the hotel lobby for brief period so we could get our work done. Next would be **Gerry Arispe** (owner of One Stop Shop LTX) after getting shutdown late in the evening on the first launch day, we frantically called countless places to try and find someone who would take us in. Not only did he allow it, but he welcomed us with open arms. He went above and beyond for a bunch of strangers helping us with anything and everything he could. Without his help we would have lost an entire day of launches and would have gone home with a feeling of defeat.



Chaos and Pandemonium

Keeping calm while under pressure can be a very difficult task to some and appear to come naturally with others. One might not even know how they will react until they are met with turmoil that they are not prepared for. When having an audience watching your teamwork people who do not know any better could accidently stumble into your work area. I found the best solution to this was to simply politely ask them to relocate, while using some southern charm.

