

## **A Social Scavenger Hunt**

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This activity can be used as an opener or energizer. It will help learning community members get to know one another and get them up and moving at the same time. Each person writes information about themselves in each corner of a sheet of paper as directed by the facilitator. For example, the facilitator might say:

Write your favorite color in the upper left corner of the paper.

Write your favorite sports team in the upper right corner of the paper.

Write your favorite city in the lower left corner of the paper.

Write your birthday month in the lower right corner of the paper.

The paper is then crumpled into a ball and thrown (tossed!) at other participants. Depending on the size of the group, the facilitator can instruct participants to pick up a paper ball and throw it several times.

When the throwing period is over, each participant gets one paper ball, unfolds it, verifies that it is not their own, then goes around the room asking questions to find the participant to whom the information belongs. Participants should be encouraged to ask follow-up questions once they have determined the participant to whom the information belongs. For example:

Why is Daytona your favorite city?

Who is your favorite Cardinals player?

This activity was adapted from the following website:

<http://www.coe.wayne.edu/wholeschooling/WS/Video/GetKnow.html>

The website contains a short video that shows a teacher using this activity with students.