**21. Problem Solving**

**Speed Problem Solving Activity**

1. Get into groups of two people each.
2. Instruct each person in a pair to introduce him/herself and exchange business cards.
3. Instruct each pair to select which of them will proceed with the activity first. The one who takes the first turn will take 30 seconds to explain a problem or situation they have. (E.g. "I have an organic food project where I'm trying to figure out where to sell my products.”)
4. After the first person explains her/his situation or problem, the other person in the pair will begin brainstorming wildly and furiously about any crazy thought or suggestion that comes to mind. In the meantime, the receiver will furiously write any and all ideas given. Do this for 1-1/2 minutes. (Or whatever is appropriate for the time you have.)
5. When the time's up, each pair should switch roles and repeat the process.
6. After the second round, facilitate a swapping of partners so that new pairs are formed. Repeat the process two or three times.

**Line Up Activity**

Materials: blindfolds

Blindfold everyone in the group. Whisper to each per- son a number from one to the number of persons in the group. After you are done, tell the players they must line up by consecutive numbers without talking. Every- one should begin to move slowly around each other, putting palms up facing outward to protect themselves from collisions.