

DEAL YOURSELF A WINNING HAND WITH LEADERSHIP  
TEC Meetings 2022

- Decks of cards
- Large Deck of Cards to Display

Everyone gets a card

Explain that I will demonstrate with my cards up front what I mean by each of the poker hands.

*“As leaders, communication skills are critical. So this activity will first focus on your interpersonal skills and listening skills. We’ve all been rather isolated these last few years, so this workshop is geared towards having you be active and engaged.”*

The rules are simple:

- Respect each other
- Encourage communication
- Smile
- We will start off with listening skills.

First:

All red on right side of room; all black on left side of room

Second:

All even to the front of the room; all odd on the back

Everyone come back up to the front.

*“These were relatively safe activities to do because you only had to communicate using body language. However, body language is very important! What are some body language positions that leaders use? Do they portray positive or negative communication?”*

*“Now we’ll move on to some verbal communication activities.”*

Third:

Create a poker hand with a flush (all the same suit but not in order)

You are all the same because you came here today.

However, now you will introduce yourself and tell each other your name and school.

Now see if you can determine another similarity you all share.

*(Get some examples when time is up)*

Fourth:

Find all the same groups—Aces, Kings, Queens, etc.

Introduce yourselves to each other in this group.

*“Whoever has the heart in the each group needs to raise their card. You will start off with saying something you love to do. Then the remaining group members share their responses. When I hear a lull, we’ll go onto the next suit.”*

Hearts—Something you love to do

Clubs—What clubs (or sports clubs) you have been involved in

Diamonds—One job you have held and been paid to do

Spades—A community service event you did—as a group or singly

*“Some of you may have come up with great community service activities.*

*Does anyone want to share one to help the other chapters?”*

Fifth:

Create a poker hand with a straight with only two cards being the same suit

Find out how tall each of you are and arrange yourself in order by height

*“Would your sequence be different if you removed your shoes?”*

*Leaders have to look ahead to see if one small things changes, what could happen?”*

Sixth:

Create a straight flush poker hand

Find out birthdates and share a birthday memory you have

*“Are you a leader at a certain age? Leaders have to work with different age groups.”*

Wrap up:

Thank you for actively being a leader today!