

# A Community Experience

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Take a moment to read and consider the following scenario carefully.

This room and the persons in it now make up your total community. The group you are in is to be your primary family group. There are several such groups in the community.

The resources necessary to support yourselves in the community are in this room. There is more than enough for everybody collectively. Your family group has already obtained a certain amount of the available community resources.

The community has defined the minimum resources for each individual as follows:

- 1 fork
- 1 paper plate
- 1 napkin
- 1 paper cup
- 1 can of water

In addition, each family group minimally needs the following:

- 1 bag of pretzels
- 1 bag of potato chips

## **DO NOT OPEN THESE AT ANY TIME**

Your goals are as follows:

1. Try to obtain for each individual and family group the minimal resources to remain in the community.
2. Amass the greatest amount of resources as a family group so you can receive bonus opportunities

In order to obtain necessary resources, the following accepted rates of exchange have been established.

- 1 can of water = 3 cups or 6 forks
- 1 bag of chips = 2 plates or 4 napkins
- 1 bag of chips = 1 bag of pretzels

Your family will be given a fixed time period in which you obtain your resources within the community.

Note: You may make charitable contributions or deviate from accepted exchange rates but only if everyone in your family agrees.

The family group who has obtained minimal resources for itself and each of its members and who has amassed the greatest amount of resources in the fixed time period will receive a bonus opportunity – all of the money that has been collected from each member in the community.