

How It Works...

Rotations:

1. Students are assigned to one of four Suites. Suite teams consist of 3-6 students total.
2. Within a suite, students are assigned (alone or in pairs, depending on numbers) to a particular harbor. Each suite contains three different harbors.
3. A harbor rotation is designed to last for about 3 weeks. During this time, students work through 4 intervals.
4. By the end of the 4th interval, each harbor team has completed its specific tasks, and the suite team (as a group) should have completed their challenge.
5. Students then rotate to another harbor in the same suite for the next three weeks.
6. Each student will rotate through all 3 harbors in their suite. Figuring three weeks per harbor, this means a suite should take nine weeks to complete.
7. Once a suite rotation is completed, students are assigned to new suites with different team members, and the process repeats itself.

Intervals:

1. Interval 1: Students work at their harbors completing a series of lessons and activities designed to give them specific knowledge related to that field. (4-5 days)
2. Interval 2: Students work at the center table as a suite team. The team captain(s) lead them through a team-building activity, and then present the challenge to the team. Plans are made and task are delegated for the completion of the challenge. (2 days)
3. Interval 3: Students work both as a suite team and as a harbor team to complete specific tasks related to the challenge. During this interval, documentation is also collected showing the process and progress of the team. (5-6 days)
4. Interval 4: Students assemble their documentation into a portfolio, present their challenge and product to the facilitator and/or class, and complete team self-evaluations. (2-3 days)

