

## Straw Box

### Judge: Preparation:

Have a 6' folding ruler .

Provide the following materials on a table for the team members.

- 30 plastic straws in paper wrappers
- 2 paperclips
- 2 rubber bands
- 10 Spaghetti
- 10" piece of yarn
- 1" square of clay
- 4 sticky address labels

Provide a copy of the problem instructions on the table for the team members.

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### Judge Instructions:

*(Judge: When team members enter the room, tell them)*

This is a hands-on challenge. You have 1 minute to select the five team members who will compete. The others must sit in these seats and watch or be escorted from the room. They may not assist in solving the problem and may not talk.

*(Judge: After 5 Team Members Chosen and seated, Read all the instructions, repeat, then Start the Time)*

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- You will be given warnings when 2 minutes, and 1 minute remain.
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- Next, the Judges will measure the height of the shorter structure, in feet: H2
- Finally, the Judges will determine the widest part of the shorter structure which is at least half its height from the table, in inches: W2

Scoring:

- 1-20 points for teamwork
- H1 times W1
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