



# ALCHEMISTS' WORKSHOP



Do you wish your team solidarity to really have magic powers? Get ready to join forces and work really hard. During this party you'll learn many magic tricks, but don't forget - Simplicity is genius.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

### INVITATION TO AND WELCOMING OF THE GUESTS

A few weeks in advance the guests receive invitation to the Alchemists' workshop where they'll get a chance to make some very valuable solidarity elixir: a magic drink that helps people to become a better team.

The venue should be somewhere in the countryside where the guests can use all six senses to explore the surroundings. In the ideal world the venue should be a little bit mysterious, for example, it could be some old mansion. The first activity as soon as the guests arrive is a session of tai chi with an experienced master. Tai chi is a type of Chinese martial art practiced for both self-defense training and health benefits. It's a spiritual experience as well.

### OPENING OF THE EVENT

The Great Alchemist (aka the Host of the event) greets the guests. He has spent many years looking for this unique and special formula that all the alchemists are looking for, and in the process he has learnt how to make other elixirs, such as solidarity one. All the guests are divided into teams (this can be done at random, for example, by giving each arriving guest a small colored stone; the number of colors depends on how many teams you'd like to have). People who have stones of the same color should get together now.

The first step is to start believing that you're an alchemist, to feel and behave like one. The guests get a chance to do this in a photo studio where a professional photographer is at work. The studio should be made to look like an alchemist's workshop, with antique furniture, books, globes, cloaks, crystal balls, tools of the alchemist's trade and so on. The guests have a unique opportunity to change their appearance and feel these ancient times. Everyone gets involved and excited. In addition, each guest receives original photos to remember. The photographer edits each photo by adding the company's logo and the title of the event. The photos are then written into CDs.

#### Painting

Making solidarity elixir requires precision, that's why we're going to focus on this skill next. The best way to do this? Painting, of course. One representative from the team is given a piece of a well-known reproduction. Other members of the same team can't see the piece and other pieces either. The representative of the team has to tell the rest of the team how to paint the piece that he has as precisely as possible. Each team paints its part of the reproduction. Later all pieces of that painting are put together and compared to the real reproduction.



### **Powers of the Philosopher's Stone**

The most important objective of each alchemist is to discover the Philosopher's Stone. With motto of the day being "Simplicity is genius", let's make a glass bead bracelet that has magic powers. The task is simple: each team gets a box of multicolored glass beads which serve as a symbol of the Philosopher's Stone. Each member of the team chooses one bead for each member of his/her team and explains his/her choice and wishes that person something nice. For example, I'm giving you this yellow bead because it symbolizes the sun that will always keep you warm. Thus each member of the team will have enough beads to make a bracelet where every bead is a symbol of something nice. No doubt, such a bracelet has magic powers.

### **Fortune telling**

The guests get a chance to learn from somebody who is much more experienced – meet the witch! She shows her palm reading skills and explains other ways of fortune telling. Of course, she is a White Witch and her craft serves only for the good purposes.

### **Magic flight**

We're only moments away from making solidarity elixir but at first let's experience some adrenaline rush to make us stronger. Magic flight might be an excellent option.

Haven't we used to envy Peter Pan who could fly so easily? Now the guests get an opportunity to feel the way Peter felt. Well, maybe it isn't THAT high, but feels really good (The activity shown in the photo isn't the only option; you can also choose a trampoline or an inflatable trampoline).



### **Making Solidarity Elixir**

Now the guests are ready to make solidarity elixir. They do their best to create a unique beverage out of the ingredients they are given, such as wine, fruits and similar. In this case, just like in many others, good team effort might work magic.

### **Checkers with flasks**

The elixir is ready; therefore it's time to check how it works. A checkers tournament is a good idea. We place flasks with the freshly made elixir on a big checkerboard. When a guest captures the opponent's flask, he/she has to drink it. Survival of the fittest, as Darwin's theory goes...

### **Night Entertainment**

The end of an unusual day should be nothing less than unusual. We suggest Capoeira, which is a Brazilian martial art combining elements of dance and music. The Capoeira performers play Brazilian musical instruments, sing and dance and later on invite the guests to join them. A fire lit in the middle of the dancers' circle makes it feel even more authentic and exotic.

### **Sauna**

It's an excellent place to revive body and soul for those who feel like it. A professional sauna attendant will tell the guests about the health benefits of different spa treatments in the saunae and how to make the most of bathing there.

For those who are still full of energy there is a disco with a DJ, all night long.



**We wish you a stunning party!**