Kickoff 06
Teamwork Agenda
Demo machine with projector
Email to mentor example and links will be on the computer

1. Have teams sit together. Introduction of facilitators and schools in attendance. Talk about statewide participation.   Map online at http://challenge.nm.org/map.shtml
   (5 minutes)

2. The importance of teamwork in facilitators' work, in authentic situations, in bosses' minds, teams involved in Anecdotal story (3 minutes)

3. A teamwork activity: A Challenge: Put together Triazzles, interesting puzzles to put together as a team, a brain teaser. These puzzles are a lot harder than they look! Make sure they take a good look at the picture. There are thousands of possibilities but only one solution.   Work on for ten minutes. Whole Group Discussion: How did the team approach this problem? How did you communicate? Was there a leader? How did this person react? How were listening skills on the team? What were the problems?

4. Share mentor database: names, emails, areas of expertise (http://challenge.nm.org/mentors/mentors.shtml) and students copy down some possible ones with their emails to add to the

assignment form. (5 minutes)

5. Mention netiquette. Talk about how to write a polite note to a busy, possible mentor and to check email to see if they have responded... (http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html) (3 minutes)

6. Share a possible mentor email in Word together in large font (5 minutes) Something like: Dear XXXX, This is so and so from the Supercomputing Challenge team xxx from xxx High School. I am writing to see if you are available to work with our team. Our project is XXXX and we are needing help in this XXXX area.

   Please contact me at email or phone number.

   Thanks for your time and expertise.

   Sincerely yours,

7. Go over positions on team assignment form. Students fill out team assignment form and team gives it to teacher. Attached. (5 minutes)

8. Another teamwork activity
   Quick Draw PDF attached
   and/or Cannibals and Missionaries
     http://www.jimloy.com/puzz/cannibal.htm
     http://www.learn4good.com/games/puzzle/boat.htm
   (10 minutes)