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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY**

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Fluffy clouds drift past the school as we hear -

1 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
And the Friendship School teacher
of the month is...

SC. 2 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STAFF ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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THE MANE 5 and SPIKE are gathered as TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses them. RAINBOW DASH and APPLEJACK lean in, hopeful/anxious, as Twilight announces--

2 TWILIGHT
Fluttershy!

FLUTTERSHY looks surprised as SPIKE takes her photo. PULL BACK to reveal that there are THREE IDENTICAL FRAMED PHOTOS of Fluttershy on the wall above.

3 APPLEJACK
Again?

4 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my. I don't know how I keep
winning.

5 RAINBOW DASH
(sour, sotto)
Yeah, me either.

6 TWILIGHT
The award is based on the students'
vote. They must really like you!
Congratulations, Fluttershy.

Twilight MAGICALLY FLOATS a GOLDEN APPLE TROPHY past an envious Rainbow Dash and Applejack, over to Fluttershy.

7 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Next item of business. Spike?

Spike pulls the massive EEA book out of the bookshelf. <THUD>! The Mane 5 and Starlight collectively <GASP>.

8 RARITY
Surely you aren't planning on using
that horrid EEA rule book?

9 SPIKE
Huh? Oh. Kinda...

Spike steps up on the EEA book to reach a high SHELF. He pulls out Twilight's rule book and holds it open for her.

Twilight magically flips through the pages, then reads:

10 TWILIGHT
Section 147 b, paragraph 2a states that teamwork is a key part of friendship. And section 229, paragraph 9c says teaching outdoors helps students remember what they learned. That adds up to one thing.

11 PINKIE PIE
Three hundred and eight-seven and some letters?

12 TWILIGHT
Not exactly. It means we're going to have a teamwork field trip! I just need a teacher to lead it--

Applejack and Rainbow Dash hooves' shoot up simultaneously. They notice, and frown at each other.

13 APPLEJACK
I'm yer pony, Twilight. Sweet Apple Acres has taught me a thing or two about workin' together.

14 RAINBOW DASH
Pfft. Being in the Wonderbolts is kinda the definition of teamwork.

Applejack goes nose-to-nose with Rainbow Dash.

15 APPLEJACK
I hope yer not sayin' fancy flyin' makes ya a better teacher than me.

16 RAINBOW DASH
If the horseshoe fits...

Fluttershy tries to diffuse the tension--

17 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe you can lead the field trip together?

18 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH / TWILIGHT
No way. / Nuh uh. / Of course!

19 TWILIGHT
Who better to model the importance
of teamwork?

20 PINKIE PIE
Um, Rarity, Fluttershy, me, Spike --
(pick up a flower pot)
This flower pot --

Rarity <SHUSHES> Pinkie Pie.

21 TWILIGHT
I know you two have been
competitive in the past. But I'm
sure you'd never let that get in
the way of teaching our students.

22 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
'A course. / Totally.

But as Twilight turns her back, Applejack and Rainbow Dash
shoot each other a sideways glare.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - DAY

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Twilight leads friendship students OCELLUS, BLAZE, GALLUS,
YANA, SILVERSTAR, and SANDALWOOD away from the school.

23 OCELLUS
I've never been on a field trip
before.

24 BLAZE
Yeah, what's the point of this,
exactly?

25 GALLUS
Getting out of the classroom, duh.

26 YANA
Yak best at field tripping.

Yana demonstrates with a large pratfall, proud.

27 SILVERSTAR
That's what we're doing? SO FUN!

Silverstar also does a pratfall and <LAUGHS>. Sandalwood
smiles and shakes his head at them.

28 SANDALWOOD
Pretty sure the Headmare has
something else in mind.

Twilight stops and turns to face the others.

29 TWILIGHT
Alright, class. Today you'll learn
how important working together is
for building a strong friendship.

30 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
What kinda hay-brained idea is
that?

WHIP TO Applejack and Dash, nose-to-nose in argument nearby.

31 RAINBOW DASH
The kind that's about ten million
times better than yours.

The students react in surprise. Gallus dryly observes:

32 GALLUS
Oh yeah. Totally see what you mean.

Twilight <CLEARS HER THROAT>. Dash and Applejack snap out of
it, slapping on smiles as they see the students.

33 APPLEJACK
Hey there! Y'all ready to get out
there and do some learnin'?

34 RAINBOW DASH
This is basically gonna be the best
field trip in the history of
ever... With me in charge that is.

35 APPLEJACK
 (chuckles)
With us in charge.
 (then, dead serious)
Meanin' mostly me.

Twilight forces a smile--

36 TWILIGHT
And what teamwork activity do you
have planned for today?

37 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
Shed building. / Canoe racing.

Applejack and Rainbow Dash glare at each other. The tension is broken by an enthusiastic Silverstar:

38 SILVERSTAR
No way. We get to do BOTH?!

Twilight is relieved for the suggestion.

39 TWILIGHT
Of course! I'll let you get started-

40 APPLEJACK
Which activity goes first?

41 RAINBOW DASH
Horseshoe, nail, rock?

42 APPLEJACK
Bring it on.

They stomp their hooves two times on the ground, then end with either horseshoe (hoof upside down), nail (hoof right side up), or rock (a stomp). But each time they end with the same thing (horseshoe, nail, or rock), so neither win.

The students watch, intrigued, as the ties continue.

43 YANA
This is field trip?

44 SANDALWOOD
No, it's horseshoe, nail, rock.
See: horseshoe beats rock, rock
beats nail, nail beats horseshoe!

45 BLAZE
Dragons decide disagreements with
fire. It's a lot faster.

The game speeds up until AJ and RD's legs are a blur. Twilight grows increasingly agitated as they continue.

46 TWILIGHT
ENOUGH! Just start with shed
building!

47 APPLEJACK
(tosses Dash a look, then)
Don't mind if I do! Everybody
follow the leader!

Applejack exits with the students, a sulking Dash following.

48 TWILIGHT
Have a good time! And remember to
work together!

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Applejack leads the students and Rainbow Dash through the farm's apple trees. AJ smiles at her surrounding.

49 APPLEJACK
Now take a good deep breath. What
do ya smell?

Gallus, next to Yana, makes a face.

50 GALLUS
Yak?

Yana smells her own shoulder and nods.

51 APPLEJACK
Nope. Try again.

52 OCELLUS
Um...Apples?

53 APPLEJACK
AND... The promise of teamwork!

Applejack frowns and points to an APPLE SHED nearby: a small building with a door and a roof, covering apples in baskets.

54 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
That there's an apple shed.

Applejack nods to a pile of building supplies in the B.G.

55 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
And this here is what we're gonna
use to build it! Nothin' brings
friends together like a little hard
work and honest sweat.

Rainbow Dash cracks up--

56 RAINBOW DASH
Sweat? Seriously? That's supposed
to be part of friendship?

57 APPLEJACK
Not everypony would know that,
Rainbow Dash. Just Teacher of the
Month kinda ponies.

58 RAINBOW DASH
Whatever. Let's just get this done
so we can move on to my activity!

As Applejack narrows her eyes, we PRE-LAP <POUNDING> and
<SAWING>...

SC. 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATER

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The students are hard at work on the shed, side-by-side and
helping each other. Gallus sets nails in place, Yana pounds
them with her hooves, Ocellus and Silverstar carry lumber.
Blaze uses a saw, and Sandalwood paints what she's cut.
Applejack oversees their progress.

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59 APPLEJACK
That's it! Slow and steady...

Rainbow Dash flies by in a blur, with some wood and nails.

60 RAINBOW DASH
Emphasis on the slow.

Dash tosses the wood in the air. CLOSE SHOTS: She flings
nails and kicks them in, a blur of motion.

Applejack watches in frustration.

61 APPLEJACK
Rainbow Dash! Ya can't build an
apple shed like that!

Rainbow Dash flaps down to hover, arms crossed, cocky.

62 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah? I just did!

She points -- <BOOM> - the three walls of the apple shed fall
neatly into place from the air where she constructed them.
(NOTE: not the door piece.)

The students gape, amazed.

63 SANDALWOOD
Whoa! No way!

64 GALLUS
Impressive...If you can call an
apple shed impressive.

Applejack frowns at Rainbow Dash.

65 APPLEJACK
Just 'cause it's fast don't mean
it's good.

66 RAINBOW DASH
Can't hear you. Too busy practicing
my Teacher of the Month pose.

Rainbow Dash strikes several victorious mid-air poses.

67 APPLEJACK
Don't count your pictures before
they're snapped, Rainbow Dash.

Rainbow Dash calls to the students below--

68 RAINBOW DASH
Anycreature who wants to get stuff
done, follow me!

Applejack also addresses the students--

69 APPLEJACK
And anycreature who wants to get
stuff done right, stick with me!

The students share worried, torn looks.

70 BLAZE
Yeah, this isn't awkward at all.

Dash zooms off -- followed by Gallus, Blaze, and a reluctant Yana. As Applejack burns...

SC. 6 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SOON

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Dash, Blaze, and Gallus fly above to lower the shed roof down toward the shed frame. Yana holds a GUIDE ROPE on the ground, using it to "steer" the roof. Applejack supports a cross beam and the others support the walls (now all completed, including the door-wall).

71 APPLEJACK
Steady, steady... Take her nice and
slow. Liiiiiittle to the left. A hair
to the right. Now a hoofshavin'
higher...

72 RAINBOW DASH
JUST BRING IT DOWN ALREADY!

The students STARTLE and drop the ropes!

73 APPLEJACK
Take cover!

Applejack dives for cover! A <CRASH> and a dustcloud...

REVEAL the crushed remains the apple shed -- the side with the door still standing. Applejack, Sandalwood, Yana, and Ocellus pop their heads up out of the debris.

74 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'll give ya one guess whose side is still standin.'

75 YANA
Yak side?
 (off AJ's look)
Not yak side?

Ocellus raises her hand, timid.

76 OCELLUS
Um, professors? I'm a little confused about teamwork now...

77 RAINBOW DASH
Then follow me! Last one to the stream is a rotten apple shed!

Dash flies off with a <SNICKER> as Applejack seethes --

SC. 7 - EXT. RIVER - DAY

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The students, Applejack, and Rainbow Dash stand at a river's edge near an eight-creature CANOE (think a crew boat).

78 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Who's ready to smash the Equestria speed record for single-canoe canoeing?

Gallus sottos to Sandalwood.

79 GALLUS
Is that even a thing?

80 SANDALWOOD
First I've heard of it.

81 RAINBOW DASH
Remember, I'm the leader now. So you gotta think fast...

Rainbow Dash tosses them paddles... Ocellus ducks hers, and Blaze catches it, then nods and hands it to Ocellus, who smiles gratefully.

82 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Any questions?
 (without waiting)
Good! Get in the boat!

Everyone but Yana climbs aboard as Applejack steps to Dash.

83 APPLEJACK
Rainbow Dash, what's racin' got to
do with teamwork?

84 RAINBOW DASH
Everything!
 (suddenly not so sure)
We're, uh, racing in the same
direction... on the same river...
in the same boat... As a team!

I/C at the river's edge, Yana eyes the boat suspiciously.

85 YANA
Yak not like water.

86 OCELLUS
Sometimes, when I'm scared to try
something new...I whistle.

Yana nods, then starts an <OFF KEY WHISTLE> as she clumsily clamors aboard, <WHISTLING HARDER> when the boat tips. Blaze and Gallus fly up and steady the boat.

87 GALLUS
We got you, Yak.

BACK ON THE TEACHERS - clueless and still arguing.

88 APPLEJACK
Ya wanna waste your time racin'
when you could be teachin,' that's
fine by me. Only makes sense that
an APPLE takes home the golden
apple teachin' trophy.

Applejack trots off toward the boat, Dash burning.

SC. 8 - EXT. RIVER - DAY - MINUTES

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TIGHT ON Dash in the front of the canoe (facing backward like a coxswain) with her "team" Blades, Gallus, and Yana. They do a FORWARD STROKE.

89 RAINBOW DASH
Stroke, stoke, stroke - harder!

Applejack's "team" Ocellus, Silverstar, and Sandalwood is in the back. They do a BACKWARD STROKE.

90 APPLEJACK
Stroooke, stroooke, stroooke -
slower!

91 SILVERSTAR
WHOO HOO! We're really going now!

PULL BACK to see that because of the cross-purpose rowing, the boat remains motionless.

92 BLAZE
So... When do we get to the part
when we move?

93 RAINBOW DASH
When everycreature starts listening
to me. The leader of my activity...
Applejack. NOW STROKE!

Everycreature finally strokes the same direction and the boat SHOOT FORWARD. Yana's head snaps back and she begins <WHISTLING> madly.

SC. 9 - ANOTHER PART OF THE RIVER - LATER

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The canoe moves at top speed as everycreature strokes together. THE RIVER FORKS in the DISTANCE, a large rock defining the separation of the two riverways.

94 OCELLUS
Which way do we go?

95 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Left! / Right!

96 SILVERSTAR
Aye-aye captains! Wait, what?

97 RAINBOW DASH
Left! I can see the finish line
from here!

Rainbow Dash points. ZOOM down the river to a CHECKERED FINISH LINE FLAG whipping in the breeze.

Rainbow Dash points a hoof in an "onward to battle" pose.

98 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Dig in team! We can still beat that
record!

As the students row...Applejack stands to make her point.

99 APPLEJACK
Stop! The Apple Family has been
rafting these rivers for years. If
we go left, we'll head straight
into the Bite-acuda fish!

Applejack points. ZOOM left again to stop at to a SCHOOL OF
COMICALLY SCARY FLYING FISH that leap into the air
<SNAPPING>, JUST IN FRONT OF THE FINISH LINE.

Rainbow Dash stands to face AJ. The canoe rocks.

100 RAINBOW DASH
Who cares about a few fish?

101 SANDALWOOD
Uh, professors?

102 APPLEJACK
You'll care plenty when they bite
ya!

103 SANDALWOOD
Guys?

104 RAINBOW DASH
We'll just row around them.

105 SANDALWOOD
ROCK!

Dash and AJ see... The boat is on a head-on collision course
with the HUGE ROCK at the fork! <CRASH!>

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 10 - ANOTHER PART OF THE RIVER - RESUME

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REVEAL the canoe, now split in half, as it floats around
either side of the huge rock. Dash, Applejack, and the
students (except Yana) pop up in the river.

106 SILVERSTAR
I LOVE FIELD TRIPS!

107 APPLEJACK
 (to Rainbow Dash)
I hope you're happy.

108 RAINBOW DASH
Don't blame this on me. We never
would have crashed if we went left.

Nearby there's a panicked thrashing of legs and hooves, and
wild <WHISTLING>.

109 YANA
Help! Yak not swim!

Silverstar and Ocellus pop up next to Yana in SEAPONY FORMS,
buoying her up.

110 OCELLUS
That's okay. Your friends do.

Yana looks grateful. But everyone startles when they hear--

111 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
How's everycreature doing on the...

Everycreature turns to see a flummoxed Twilight on the bank.

112 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
... field trip?

The students and teachers step up onto the bank.

113 RAINBOW DASH
I totally had things under control,
until Applejack messed 'em up.

114 APPLEJACK
I did not!

115 RAINBOW DASH
Did too!

116 APPLEJACK
Did not!

Twilight stares, aghast, then turns to the students.

117 GALLUS
Yeah. It's been like this all day.

118 OCELLUS
I wouldn't say all day. Just, 99%
of it.

Twilight frowns with a <MARGE NOISE>.

SC. 11 - RIVERBANK - SOON

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Twilight paces in front of a chagrined Applejack and Dash.

119 TWILIGHT
I can't believe this! You're not
teaching teamwork, you're competing
with each other. I thought you were
past that!

120 RAINBOW DASH
We are! Mostly.

121 APPLEJACK
We got carried away with wantin' to
be teacher of the month, is all.

122 TWILIGHT
Well, you can forget about that.
I'm taking over this field trip.

Applejack and Dash share a look - then:

123 APPLEJACK
Hold up, Twilight. Don't count out
Rainbow Dash for that award just
yet. You shoulda seen her fire up
those students to build a shed!

124 RAINBOW DASH
Seriously? You're the one the
students listen to -- besides, you
saved us from the pony-eating fish.
(off Twilight's look)
Long story. But Applejack should
definitely be teacher of the month.

125 TWILIGHT
Hmmm. Maybe you two have learned
something after all.

126 APPLEJACK
Does that mean you'll give us
another chance at the field trip?

127 TWILIGHT
Well...

128 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Twilight. We get it. No more
arguing. Right, Applejack?

129 APPLEJACK
Right as rain! Whaddya say?

130 TWILIGHT
 (thinks, then)
Fine. But I'm picking the next
activity. A nature walk. No pony
could possibly argue over that.
Right?

131 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Right!

132 APPLEJACK
See! We're agreein' already!

SC. 12 - EXT. TREES / FOREST - SOON

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Applejack and Rainbow Dash cheerfully lead their students toward the forest. The path FORKS in the road ahead and Applejack notices.

133 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Well look at that! The path splits
up ahead. Left or right?

Blaze runs a claw over her face and sighs.

134 BLAZE
Here we go again.

The students watch the following rapid-fire exchange like a tennis match, their teachers out-agreeing each other.

135 APPLEJACK
Where to, Rainbow Dash?

136 RAINBOW DASH
I was thinking right...Unless you
want to go left.

137 APPLEJACK
You'd rather go right?

138 RAINBOW DASH
Not unless you do.

139 APPLEJACK
No, no. It's up to you.

140 RAINBOW DASH
Horseshoe, nail, rock?

Rainbow Dash nods, to the students' dismay. The teachers launch into a rapid fire horseshoe, nail, rock game -- again with no winners.

Yana <SNORTS> and heads for the left fork.

141 YANA
Follow me. Yak know best way.

Applejack and Dash stop as they see their students leaving...

142 APPLEJACK
Hey, where y'all goin'?

...And they rush after them.

SC. 13 - EXT. WOODS - LATER

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Looking weary, the group pulls up alongside a sheer cliff.

143 OCELLUS
I think we've gone in the same
circle five times.

144 SANDALWOOD
Only because 'someponies' won't
make up their minds about which way
to go.

Fed up, the group swivels to Dash and Applejack. By now, Dash and Applejack's mutual respect war is wearing thin.

145 RAINBOW DASH
(forced grin)
Do you want to keep going in a
circle, Applejack?

146 APPLEJACK
(obsequiously)
Up to you, Rainbow Dash. I insist.

147 RAINBOW DASH
(gritted teeth)
No no, I insist.

148 APPLEJACK
(gritted teeth)
But I insisted first...

149 SILVERSTAR
(confused)
Are we still on a field trip? Cause
this just feels like being lost.

BLAZE rolls her eyes and flies straight up above the trees.

BLAZE'S POV: Across the chasm (with a familiar river running below it), lies a clear path back to the School.

BLAZE lands next to the group.

150 BLAZE
We can still get back to school
before dark if we cross that ravine
and stop doubling back.

The teachers overhear this. Dash tries to play it cool.

151 RAINBOW DASH
We knew that. All part of our plan,
right, Applejack?

152 APPLEJACK
Yep. All we have to do is... build
a bridge 'cross that... giant
canyon and we're home free!
 (then, to Dash)
That is if ya think a bridge is a
good idea.

153 RAINBOW DASH
Only if you want to build a bridge.

154 GALLUS
STOP! Listen - we can just fly
everyone over and be done.

155 APPLEJACK
Nope. There's still plenty a time to
teach y'all a lesson in teamwork.

156 RAINBOW DASH
Cooperation!

157 APPLEJACK
Togetherness!

158 RAINBOW DASH
You are so right!

159 APPLEJACK
Only as right as you are!

Blaze interrupts, stepping between them.

160 BLAZE
OKAY! We'll build the bridge.
What do we use?

161 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
Vines! / Branches!

The teachers look at each other, then --

162 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
Vines! / Branches!

They both stare, their forced smiles growing more manic.

163 APPLEJACK
I'm goin' with your idea: vines. No
buts about it.

164 RAINBOW DASH
I'm building with your idea.
Branches. End of story.

SC. 14 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - SOON

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QUICK SHOTS - The students watch Applejack and Dash as they build their bridges side by side.

-- Applejack struggles to wind a thick branch with her teeth into the bridge as she calls out --

165 APPLEJACK
Why use a branch, when you could
use a vine!

Applejack yanks the vine and it <SNAPS> back, hitting Applejack in the face! She manages a slightly insane smile.

-- Rainbow Dash struggles to pull a branch into place.

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166 RAINBOW DASH
Why didn't I think of branches to
begin with? They're so --

The branch breaks, sending Dash backwards to her bottom.

167 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
-- easy to work with.

-- Both bridges sway perilously in the breeze, now halfway out across the ravine. Applejack clings to her rickety railing, growing increasingly trapped in the twisted vines.

168 APPLEJACK
These here vines are just the
thing, Rainbow Dash!

Dash fights to wrestle a branch into place, while simultaneously struggling to hang on for dear life.

169 RAINBOW DASH
Not to disagree, but these branches
are the way to --
 (the bridge collapses)
GOOOOOOOO!

Rainbow Dash's bridge (elevated slightly from Applejack
bridge) SMASHES into Applejack's bridge! The two bridges
tremble for one sickening second, then... drop!

170 RAINBOW DASH / APPLEJACK
<YELLS!>

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - EXT. CHASM - DAY - RESUME

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Rainbow Dash and Applejack, trapped in a "cage" of vines and
branches, cling to each other as they fall.

171 RAINBOW DASH/APPLEJACK
<YELLS!>

The cage jerks to a stop to dangle above the river. Trapped
in their cage, Dash and Applejack clutch each other.

172 RAINBOW DASH
No need to panic! I'll go get help!

Dash struggles to fly, but the vines prevent it.

173 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<efforts> I can't get out!

174 APPLEJACK
Let me try.

Applejack <STRUGGLES> to form a lasso. Managing to pop a leg
out, she lets the rope fly upward, but it doesn't go far.
They watch as the lasso falls downward past them and <SNAP!>

A BITE-ACUDA FISH LEAPS out of the river and EATS the lasso.

SUDDENLY more BITE-ACUDA FLYING FISH leap up, <SNAPPING>,
just inches away from the pony's viney cage. Applejack and
Dash trade a worried look.

175 RAINBOW DASH
Let me guess...Bite-acudas?

176 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
HELP!!!!

SC. 16 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - SAME TIME

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The students put their heads together for a quick pow-wow --

177 SANDALWOOD
We gotta get our professors outta
there! Anycreature have a plan?

178 GALLUS
Leave 'em hanging?

179 SILVERSTAR
What?!

180 GALLUS
I'm kidding. Kinda.

181 OCELLUS
We need to work fast, and together.

They hear a <RIIIP!!> CLOSE ON the vines connected to the
cliffside -- hanging by one tenuous thread!

182 BLAZE
But mainly fast...

SC. 17 - EXT. CHASM - CONTINUOUS

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The vine cage jerks down closer to the <SNAPPING> fish.

183 RAINBOW DASH
I say we let ourselves drop and
swim our way out.

184 APPLEJACK
Or we could break free and climb
up.

They look at each other, then --

184A RAINBOW DASH
Horseshoe, nail, rock?

184B APPLEJACK
Horseshoe, nail, rock?

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They start in, but before they can get to "rock" they look --

A PONY-SIZED BITE-ACUDA FISH with weird fishy wings appears
to hover inches alongside the twig cage. It smiles, revealing
huge pointed teeth.

185 RAINBOW DASH/APPLEJACK
Ahhh!!!!

186 PONYIZED FISH/OCELLUS
 (in Ocellus' voice)
Don't worry! I'm just the
distraction.

187 RAINBOW DASH
Ocellus?

188 APPLEJACK
You nearly scared the cutie marks
off us!

The pony-sized Ocellus fish smiles once more before she
splashes down into the school of Bite-acuda fish!

The fish look at Ocellus. She <SNAPS> her massive jaws at
them. The fish TAKE IN TERROR and turn and dolphin away.
Ocellus chases them away downstream.

Just then the vine cage <BREAKS> free and falls toward the
water! Applejack and Rainbow Dash cling to each other--

189 APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
<yells>

The cage JERKS to a stop above the water--

190 SILVERSTAR (O.S.)
Need a lift?

Applejack and Dash look to see Blaze, Silverstar and Gallus,
the cage safely in their talons.

As Applejack and Rainbow Dash are lifted upward --

SC. 18 - EXT. CHASM EDGE - CONTINUOUS

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The fliers carefully lower the cage to the ground.

191 YANA
Yak turn!

Yana CHOMPS through the vines, <SNAP SNAP>. Sandalwood kicks
away the branches, making a hole in the cage.

192 SANDALWOOD
Welcome back, Professors!

Applejack and Rainbow Dash step out of a pony-sized hole to
the collective <CHEER> of our students (not Ocellus).

193 STUDENTS
Yes! / Nice! / Alright! / Woohoo! /
Yak cheer!

194 RAINBOW DASH
Now that was a rescue!

195 APPLEJACK
And y'all did it together!

The students trade looks.

196 GALLUS
 (shrugs)
No big. Those fish weren't even a
thing.

He turns, cocky, to find himself eye-to-eye with OCELLUS in BITE-ACUDA form. He <STARTLES>.

197 OCELLUS
Oops. Sorry.

Ocellus contritely turns back to her Changeling form.

198 SILVERSTAR
Ha ha! BEST FIELD TRIP EVER!

SC. 19 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - EVENING

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Applejack, Dash, and their students walk in, tired but happy. Twilight anxiously waits to greet them.

199 TWILIGHT
How was the field trip? What did
you all learn?

Applejack and Dash share a look. Uh oh - here it goes. And then...Yana steps forward.

200 YANA
Yak learn ponies smart!

201 SILVERSTAR
Yeah! Professor Applejack and
Professor Rainbow Dash were such
good teachers.

Applejack and Dash trade disbelieving looks.

Gallus nods, begrudgingly adding--

202 GALLUS
It was kinda crazy genius. They
showed us what not to do so we'd
figure out what we should do.

Twilight raises an eyebrow and looks to the teachers.

203 TWILIGHT
Really?

Applejack and Rainbow Dash smile big, going with it.

204 SANDALWOOD
It took us awhile to get it...

205 BLAZE
Especially at the ravine. It would
have been so much easier to just
fly home.

206 OCELLUS
But instead, our professors built
bridges the wrong way just to show
us how important teamwork is.

207 SILVERSTAR
Yeah, that was super-dangerous.
Talk about commitment!

208 YANA
Yak learn work together is best
way.

209 OCELLUS
We know it's too early to pick the
teacher of the month... But we'd
like you to consider Rainbow Dash
and Applejack.

210 GALLUS
Seriously. They deserve it.

211 TWILIGHT
Thank you for telling me! I'm so
glad to hear your field trip was a
success. I'll make sure to
schedule another one right away!

212 SANDALWOOD / OCELLUS / GALLUS / YANA /
BLAZE / SILVERSTAR
Uh...No thanks. / I better go
study. / Pass. / Yak busy. / Nope.
/ OKAY!

The students make hasty retreats, except Silverstar. She
pauses when she sees everyone is gone, then follows them.

Twilight smiles to Rainbow Dash and Applejack, who still both
look amazed.

213 TWILIGHT
You were actually just competing
the whole time, weren't you?

214 APPLEJACK
To tell ya the truth...? Yep.

215 RAINBOW DASH
Well, not all the time.

Applejack turns on Dash in disbelief.

216 APPLEJACK
What the hay are you talkin' 'bout,
Dash...?

217 RAINBOW DASH
You know exactly what I'm talking
about.

218 APPLEJACK
Now don't go startin' up with me --

Twilight <SIGHS> as Applejack and Dash continue on...

SMASH CUT TO BLACK.

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