

BCS 119 - 20 Questions

What are some questions we could ask to get to know the personal side of others?

1. What do you do in your free time?
2. Are you a morning or night person?
3. Where did you grow up?
4. What was your high school like?
5. What do you enjoy reading when you have the time?
6. What do you do for a living?
7. Tell me something about your family.
8. Where is your favorite place to vacation?
9. Do you have children and if you do, what activities are they involved in?
10. What community groups are you involved with?
11. What sports do you enjoy watching or participating in?
12. If you had an extra hour of free time, how would you use it?
13. If you could have tickets for any event, what would it be?
14. What is your favorite movie?
15. Tell me something about yourself that would surprise me.
16. What things would you really like to do more of?
17. What challenges/issues might I be able to help with?
18. If you had to describe yourself in 3 words, what would they be?
19. What 2 or 3 skills make a great manager?
20. What would be your ideal dream job?

Each of these questions can be used by commissioners as icebreakers to get to know different leaders. Of course, you don't ask all of them at once. Small talk unrelated to Scouter's position in the unit can elicit information of a more personal nature allowing the commissioner to develop the "friendship" first.

Developing these trusting friendships can facilitate the Scouting/business relationship. It is all based on finding common ground. We have used these and the "Commissioner Encounter" ice-breaking game before various training events to get people to mingle, talk and find similarities. Some units have adapted the "Commissioner Encounter" for use at their parent recruitment nights. It encourages conversation. Reaching out is the first step!