

Ice-breaker, Ice-breaker, Baby!



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Chocolate & Nut

#1 Goal: Combine chocolate and nut in our workshop, chapter meetings, and lives!

Ways to incorporate FUN in your meetings:

- Attendance—Invite all your friends and really promote the meeting to get the numbers.
- Promotion—Use catchy phrases to advertise your meetings or come up with creative titles for your activities. Ex. Topless Car Wash—members don't wash the top of the vehicle
- Food—Ask members to bring a banana to make banana splits. Or use marshmallows to have a spit fight.
- Music—Play background music before the meeting to set the tone.
- Transportation—Hayrack rides or have a contest for who can pick up the most “hitch-hikers” aka FBLA members
- Seating—Arrange the room in a unique way through small circles or a big horseshoe shape or have members bring a pillow to sit on.



Leader Characteristics

- _____ Be able to adapt speech to the situation
Ex. Someone sick
- _____ Use please and thank you when passing food or hold open the door
- _____ Arrive at chapter meetings 10-15 minutes early to help set-up
- _____ Be proud to be an FBLA member and willing to recruit others
- _____ Fit the occasion. It is always better to be over dressed vs. under dressed!
- _____ Credit others for their work. Don't be a "Glory Grabber!"
- _____ Be willing to take the lead on chapter projects
- _____ Follow through with the activity or props you volunteered to provide
- _____ Be willing to listen to every member's opinion and take it into consideration.

Break the Ice with Ice-breakers

- Toilet Paper Bride—Decorate members with a veil, bouquet, and wedding dress
- Two Truths and a Lie—Tell two true statements about yourself and one false. Have the members decide which one is false.
- Smart Sally—Share your name with adjective that starts with the same letter as your first name and describes you
- Birthday Circle—Have members organize themselves in order of their birthdays without talking. You could also use first digit of address.
- Famous People or Cities—Members get a note card with a city or person on their backs and they can only ask Yes or No questions to try to solve their identity
- Number and Body Part—Call out 3 elbows. Three people must put their elbows together
- Have you ever?—Members ask a question like, “Have you ever eaten frog legs?” All those who have step forward in the circle.

Ice-breakers Continued

- My Favorite Person—One person starts in the middle of the circle and says a generic statement like, “My favorite person has blonde hair.” Then all the blondes get up and have to find a different seat. The last person in the middle without a seat says the next statement.
- Best Hand—Give out playing cards and have members make the best hand.
- Favorite T-shirt—Ask members to wear a t-shirt that describes them. They wear it and share it!
- Make a Food—Hand out taco, banana split, or pizza ingredients and have members form groups (without further direction). Note: The groups may be missing key ingredients for their taco or banana split.
- Counting Confessions—Every member receives ten toothpicks. One member starts by sharing something they’ve never done, “I’ve never gotten a speeding ticket.” Anyone who has gotten a speeding ticket must forfeit a toothpick. The game ends when one person has no more toothpicks.

Team Communication

Stay Connected!

- Utilize MSN Messenger and e-mail to chat about activities
- Hold an officers' meeting prior to the chapter meeting
- Create an FBLA calendar



Activities of Praise!

- Fringe Praise—Give each attendee a yarn or string necklace with at least 10 small pieces of fringe or yarn tied into the bottom. Each attendee is invited to give praise to others and leave their mark. Attendees are asked to share a positive comment with another team member and tie one piece of fringe on the necklace of the other member.
- Note Card Frenzy—Tape a note card on each attendee's back. Then have them write 5 positive comments on someone else's back about why they are special. After they have received 5 comments, they put their card on their front and go give other people comments.

Are You An Active Member?

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meeting,
and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along.

Or are you satisfied
to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you do your job well
and without a kick?

Or do you leave the work to just a few
and talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled,
that I'm sure you've heard about.

And twill be appreciated too,
if you will come help out.

Think this over, member
you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
or do you just belong?



A Wish For Leaders

I sincerely wish you will have the experience of thinking up a new idea, planning it, organizing it, and following it to a completion and having it be magnificently successful. I also hope you'll go through the same process and have something *bomb out*.

I wish you could know how it feels to run with all your heart and lose--horribly.

I wish that you could achieve some great good for mankind but have nobody know about it except you.

I wish you could find something so worthwhile that you deem it worthy of investing your life.

I hope you become frustrated and challenged enough to begin to push back the very barriers of your own personal limitations.

I hope you make a stupid, unethical mistake and get caught red-handed are big enough to say those magic words, "I was wrong."

I hope you give so much of yourself that some days you wonder if it's worth it all.

I wish for you the worst kind of criticism for everything you do because that makes you fight to achieve beyond what you normally would.

I wish for you the experience of ***leadership***.

-Anonymous

