



Snowball

Objective: To get the group to know a little more about one another. Allows participants to network.

Materials: Handout with questions

Procedure:

- Get the group into a circle.
- Pass out the handout. State clearly, “**Do not write anything on your paper until instructed to do so.**”
- Explain the purpose of the activity and tell participants that this game includes a lot of active listening for the directions.

Directions:

- On paper you will see four boxes.
- In the **upper left-hand box** please write 1) your name and agency, and 2) where you were born.
- Now crumple the up the piece of paper and toss it in the middle of the circle. When I give the okay, then go ahead and grab any ball of paper that you see, and head to your seats. Unfold it, and silently read the entry from the person who filled out the first box.
- In the **lower left-hand box** write 1) your name, and 2) someone that you consider to be a hero (dead or alive fictional or non-fictional).
- Again crumple it, toss it, grab a different one, unfold it, and read it.
- In the **upper right-hand box** write 1) your name, and 2) the name of your first pet or an animal that you really like or dislike.
- Again crumple it, toss it, grab a different one, unfold it, and read it.
- In the **lower right-hand box** write 1) your name, and 2) what would you do if you had a million dollars.
- Now go around the circle and have each person read off the box that they find the most interesting to them and why.

Debrief:

- What kind of things did we learn about each other/about ourselves?
- Why is it important to know these things?

Closing: We want to make a positive environment where we can play, take risks and truly be ourselves.