

Asking Powerful Questions

Examples



Building Community Prompts

- What is/was your favorite childhood toy?
- What was a moment today that made you laugh?
- How do you celebrate special days in your household?
- What is something that means a lot of you (hobby, social issue, etc.)?
- What animal do you think most represents you?
- What would you do with a million dollars?

Beginning an Activity

- What are things we should remember when doing this activity?
- When was a time you tried something new, and how did it feel?
- When this has worked, what made it go well?
- What might get in the way from us enjoying this activity today? How can we avoid that from happening?
- What ways can we help each other during this activity?
- What skills will be helpful for you during this activity? How can we practice [skill] during this activity?
- How can we stay safe during this activity?
- How will we know when to wrap up the activity?
- What questions do you have?

After an Activity

- Where else might these skills be useful (in school, home, or community)?
- How did you work together as a team?
- What was challenging about this activity?
- What skills helped us be successful today?
- If we do this activity again, would you, or should we, do anything different?
- How did it feel when that happened?
- What skills do you want to work on for next time?



Open ended questions encourage meaningful answers based on feelings, thoughts, and knowledge.

During an Activity

- How is it going?
- How do you feel about your progress?
- What help do you need?
- What is working?
- How did you decide to approach it this way (supplies, ideas, etc.)?
- What is another way to do this?
- What have you tried?
- Where else could you find a solution?



This Month Planning Sheet

Use the spaces below to identify opportunities to use your powerful questions!

Building Community

When in your schedule will you build community? What questions or prompts might help you and participants get to know each other deeper? What themes, special dates, news, or pop culture topics can you connect with?

New Activity

What new activity or skills will be introduced this month? What do you want to know from the young people before, during or after that activity?

Everyday Activity

What activities do you do often? What questions can you ask that create space for young people to share what they know, think, or feel?