

Communicating with Adults

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- Have you ever had good ideas that your Scoutmaster wouldn't even listen too?
- Do any of you get the feeling that your adult leaders never listen to you?
- Have any of you had any success in getting adults to pay attention to your ideas?
- Do any of you have the same problem with your parents? With teachers? With other Adults?

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Communication Bottlenecks

Prepare a list of reasons adults tend not to listen to Scout-age boys. *(10 minutes)*

Get 2-3 examples from each patrol. Write on flip chart. Discuss as appropriate.

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Opening Bottlenecks

Prepare a list of ideas to improve communications between Scout-age youth and the adult leaders. *(15 minutes)*

Get 2-3 examples from each patrol. Write on flip chart. Discuss as appropriate.

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Hints for working with Adults

Goal - gain respect of adults by constant responsible actions.
Patience and courtesy will help a lot.

- Deal in solutions, not problems.
- Think before speaking.
Be sure the brain is engaged before the mouth is put in gear.
- Be sensitive to the moods and priorities of adults
- Use common courtesy.
- Make the adult think the idea was his.

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Never say, "at NWC we did it this way"

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Goal setting.

List 5 techniques you can use to improve your communications with adults.