

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop positive relationships with Challenge Mentors. Challenge Mentors provide our Scouts with information, actual experience and access to contacts. Mentors can help our Scouts complete Challenges.

The Challenge Mentors also provide encouragement, motivation and challenge our Scouts to Give their Best while on their adventures. They also serve as positive role models for our Scouts. This enables our Scouts to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity, by interacting with their Challenge, Mentor to acquire a depth of experience, which enables them to make better decisions.

Below is a basic script for the Scout to follow when contacting a potential Mentor:

Proper planning must be made prior to meeting with a potential Mentor.



Proper planning includes making an appointment with the appropriate person. Making an appointment includes: generating the contact information for a selected individual by conducting research via the internet, telephone book, or personal referral. Be sure to ask your parents, teachers, Counselors, Team Leaders, fellow scouts, and your friends for referrals. Get your parents' permission before deciding on a Mentor or going to an appointment. Get parental permission regarding your appointment time and meeting place. Be certain your parents know the exact address of where you are

going, the route you will use, the name of the person you are meeting with, your departure time, and your expected return time. Remember no Scout is permitted to enter the home or garage of anyone unless accompanied by their parent or guardian or are otherwise following the safety practices of Adventure Scouts USA.

Contacting the selected individual:

After obtaining the telephone number and dialing it, it is possible you may initially reach

a receptionist in which case you need to tell them the name of whom you wish to speak with.

- It will then be necessary to say your name, and identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific Scout program you are a member of;

- Explain the purpose of your call.

- It is possible you may then be connected with

the assistant or secretary of the person you are trying to contact rather than the person you seek directly. It may then be necessary to repeat your name, and again identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific Scout program you are a member of;

- Explain the purpose of your call and why you wish to speak to the person you have been referred to, or are interested in talking with.

- When you get to the person you are trying to contact, greet them;

- Say your name;
- Identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific Scout program you are a member of;
- Explain why

you would like  
meet with them in  
order to find a  
Mentor;

- It is possible  
that individual may  
refer you to  
someone else

either in their  
company, office,  
or department to  
work with in order  
to complete your  
Challenge. If this  
happens, you will  
need to introduce



yourself again and explain the purpose of your call again.

- Once they have agreed to assist you;

- Schedule an

appointment on a  
specific day and  
time; therefore  
you should be  
prepared to know  
when you have  
some free time

and if you need a ride, when the driver will be available.

- You will need to know the exact

address,  
directions, and  
the approximate  
amount of time  
the person will  
be able to spend  
with you.

- Then  
remember to  
thank the  
person for  
agreeing to  
meet with you.

Not everyone  
you speak with  
will have the  
time or desire  
to help you. If  
this happens,  
ask them if

they can refer  
you to  
someone who  
can help you.  
If they are  
unable to refer  
you to

someone, then  
ask your  
parents,  
teachers, Team  
Leaders, fellow  
scouts, and  
your friends for



another  
referral. Keep  
trying until you  
are successful  
at finding a  
Mentor.  
Perseverance

is a strength  
that will help  
you to  
successfully  
reach your  
goals. Never  
be discouraged

when you  
encounter  
obstacles. Like  
the story of the  
rabbit and the  
turtle, it is not  
the fastest, but

rather it is the  
one who sticks  
with it, who  
succeeds.

Remember to:

- Call the  
day before  
your  
scheduled  
meeting to  
re-confirm

your

appointment.

- Prepare

whatever you

need to

know;

- Bring  
with you  
necessary  
materials;  
- Arrive  
early for

your  
scheduled  
appointment  
;  
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- Be



properly  
dressed in  
uniform  
unless  
damage to

your uniform  
will occur.

Remember  
you are an  
ambassado

r of the  
Scout  
Program  
you are a  
member of

# within the Scout Programs of Adventure

Scouts  
USA. Do  
what you  
promise and  
promise

only what  
you can  
do. After  
the  
meeting,

remember  
to send a  
handwritten  
thank you  
note to your

# Challenge Mentor.