

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
;
;
- 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.