

Shadow for a Day

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Shadow for a Day is similar to Job for a Day, except that our Scouts "shadow" or follow someone who performs a job they would like to do someday. Who Scouts shadow is up to the Scout and the person they will be shadowing. They can choose any position they want, from a professional skateboarder to the principal of their school.

Scouts can choose whatever they like, from assisting fire personnel, to assisting at their favorite amusement park, to assisting a paleontologist at a natural history museum



They will be shadowing the person who does that job for a living, following directions and helping out.

It also provides a great contact for the future. If our Scouts do decide to follow their dream as adults, they already have a contact at a particular business, doing what they love.

How to Find a Person to Shadow for a Day

After choosing a position to shadow, Scouts make contact with the place they would like to be. If the Scout wants to work at a particular amusement park, of course that narrows down to one the possible places to call. If the Scout would like to work at a bank, for example, there are many choices.

Scouts should ask for references from family, friends, Team Counselors, and Counselors. If someone they know has a contact where they would like to work, that would make it easier. If not, Scouts can check the phone and look online.

Scouts should generally ask for the human resources department when they call



They will need to explain who they are, where they are coming from, and what they want. Below are detailed directions:

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, Team Leaders, fellow scouts, and your friends for referrals.

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 you wish to speak with.

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

Explain the purpose of your call.

It is then possible you may then be connected with the assistant or secretary of the person you are trying to

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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 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.

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

Say your name; Identify that you are a Scout from the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member of; Explain why you would like meet with them in order to shadow for them one for day.

This is a program to help our Scout develop responsibility while having FUN. It is also okay for the Scout to mention the benefits to the employer, such as positive publicity.

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 mission. 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 with your mission;

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 let you shadow them.

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 completing your mission. 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. Rather it is the one who sticks with it, who succeeds.

Remember to:

Call the day before 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 or the proper clothing for the position.

You are an ambassador of the program you are a member of within the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA.

Obtain permission from your parent or guardian prior to choosing a Job for a Day.

Consult with your parent or guardian regarding your appointment time and meeting place.

Our Scouts make their dreams come true, one day at a time!