

Questions to ask during introductions

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What is your favorite book?

What is your favorite movie?

What is your favorite restaurant?

What was your most memorable trip?

What was your first concert?

What was your first car?

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Where did you go to elementary school, high school, college?

If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would you invite?

What are you passionate about?

What is your connection to the mission?

How did you get connected to this board/organization?

What's one thing you'd like us to know about you that you think we might not know?

What accomplishment are you proud of? (personally, as a board member, as an organization)

What contribution did you make in the last year that made our work better?

(For outdoor group) What's your favorite park / hike / trail / lake / river / fishing hole, etc.?

(For literacy group) What was your favorite book as a child, favorite author, most recent book?

(For historic preservation/economic development group) What's your favorite building, business, tourist venue that we've worked on, and why?

Of the programs we offer, which one are you most excited about?

Where do you get energy / get replenished?

What geologic feature (river, lake, coast, mountain range, etc.) do you connect with?

(For a school/college) Which subject that we teach are you most interested in? or Which building do you find most interesting? or If you could bring someone to campus and introduce them to one person or program, which would it be? or What sensations do you remember from the first time you came on campus?

(For a child-serving organization) What was your favorite toy / game / activity as a child?

What is the best t-shirt or bumper sticker that you can remember?

What's your favorite sport / team to watch / participate in?

What is your favorite cartoon character?

What's your personal weather report as you arrive at this meeting? stormy, calm, sunny, etc.

If you had to escape your home with only one non-digital item, what would you take?

Finish these two sentences: I come from a people who... and from them I learned...

What's your favorite way to spend time?

What historical figure do you most identify with?

Which living person do you most admire?