

NCSA-2017 CONVERSATION CAFÉ
Interactive collaborative idea- and material- sharing sessions.

Time Length: One hour session for groups of 15-20 individuals

Facilitator: Each group will have a pre-determined facilitator with experience in that specific topic area.

Participants: Participants will be asked to indicate their top 2 choices as part of the online conference registration. This process is designated so that we know if we need to offer two groups one the same topic. Participants will be notified in advance of the Conversation Café session to which they are assigned to attend so that they prepare questions and bring materials and ideas to share.

Suggested topics of Conversation Café Groups:

- **Middle School and Upper Elementary School Leadership Development and Activity Programs**
 Leadership training models and resources, effective meeting planning and implementation, examples of basic activity design, sources for low cost materials, developing a year-long plan, goal setting and evaluation
 (Designed for middle school and elementary school educators)
- **Leadership Camp/Workshop Planning, Logistics and Curriculum**
 Share camp schedules, arrival and closing activities, staff development, evaluation, and camp curriculum.
 (Designed for Camp/Workshop Directors, State Executive Directors, and camp/workshop staff members)
- **Leadership Camps/Workshops for Advanced Students**
 Sharing schedules and curriculum components and hands-on activities for students who have previously attended a Camp/Workshop.
 (Designed for Camp Directors, staff members, and State Executive Directors)
- **Measuring Impact and Growth**
 Gathering and using pre/post participation data, metrics to measure leadership effectiveness, turning stories into data
 (Designed for camp directors, activity advisers, administrators, state executive directors)
- **Hosting a State or Regional Conference**
 Planning guides for conference hosts, schedules, program ideas, selecting student-led workshops, financing.
 (Designed for State Executive Directors and those anticipating hosting future state or regional conferences)
- **Advisor Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences**
 Curriculum components, schedule ideas, materials, hands-on activities, best types of sites,
 Who should be the target attendance? How to increase attendance?
 (Designed for State Executive Directors and Consultants)
- **Leadership Class Curriculum**
 Development of scope and sequence for Leadership Class Curriculum, Sample syllabus, Projects and Activities, Evaluation and grading policies, Targeted Enrollment: School Leaders or Open Enrollment,
 (Designed for Leadership Class Educators and Administrators)
- **Designing Leadership Training Activities**
 How to develop activities that teach student leadership concepts. Examples of basic activity design, sources of low cost materials, how to process an activity to enhance student learning.
 (Designed for Activity Advisors)
- **Leadership Training for Your Group Members**
 Sharing short and simple activities and resources (example: 10 minute lessons from Phil Boyte and Ron Jones)
 How to incorporate leadership training as a regular part of your meetings.
 (Designed for Activity Advisors)
- **Club Management**
 Recruiting Members, Creating essential documents (charters, constitutions, job descriptions)
 Planning effective meetings, Officer training and responsibilities, Group planning and decision-making
 (Designed for NHS, DECA, FBLA, class government, and club advisors)
- **Exploring Your Why**
 Assessing your program purpose and direction, strategic planning, designing initiatives to support your mission
 (Designed for state executive directors, activity coordinators, administrators)
- **Reaching Traditionally Underserved Populations**
 Assessing and minimizing barriers to involvement, culturally responsive curriculum and programs, inclusive policy and practice
 (Designed for camp directors, activity advisers, administrators, state executive directors)
- **Championing the Value of Student Activities**
 This session will focus on: the educational values of student activities, empowering educators to work within their schools and communities to promote student activities, and core standards and student activity resources and data from the Alliance for Student Activities, etc. It is a session that will also focus on connecting student leadership opportunities to college and career readiness standards.
 (Designed for Administrators, Directors of Activities, State Executive Directors)