

# Conducting an Interview

*Interview a member of the planning committee to learn more about the work that goes into a playground build!*

## **Age Appropriateness:**

9-12, 13 and over

## **Key Topics:**

Communication,  
Writing,  
Community Organizing

## **Skills:**

Interviewing,  
Written and Oral  
Communication

## **Materials:**

Pencils, paper

## **Action Time:**

1-2 hours

## **Resources:**

[The Student Journalist and Interviewing](#) by: Hazel Presson

<http://www.youth-learn.org/learning/activities/thinking/interview.html>

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Gain experience in developing interesting interview questions.
- Practice writing and communication skills.
- Learn about planning for a volunteer event and using the community build model.



## **Discussion**

First, bring in examples of interviews from newspapers or magazines and discuss the types of questions that were asked. What are some other questions that would be interesting to ask? Next, explain the general composition of the Playground Planning Committee. Explain who the interview candidates are and their major responsibilities. Discuss the community build model.

## **Action**

- Each participant will write at least ten interview questions. Encourage them to think “outside of the box” for questions. If you have a larger group of youth, break them into groups.
- Each individual or group will conduct an interview with a member of the planning committee. They should take notes from the interview.
- Each individual or group will create a summary of the interview and present it to the rest of the group.

## **Reflection**

Discuss what was learned about the community build model. How does it work? Are there any questions that you wish you had asked? Write thank you cards for the people who were interviewed.