



# BEACH BALL ACTIVITY

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**Description:** This activity is a great way to help participants get acquainted. It uses beach balls covered with questions to help participants get to know one another.

**Goal:** Participants will become more familiar with each other, sharing and learning why people volunteer, how they learn and communicate and why they enjoy working with youth. It also models an activity they can adapt as a volunteer.

**Audience:** all ages, including adults

**Time Needed:** 10-15 minutes, can be adjusted based on time available

**Supplies:** one beach ball for every 8-15 people in your group

**Do Ahead:** Write questions on the beach ball with permanent marker, allow enough time for it to dry completely.

**Directions:**

1. Divide into groups of between 8 and 15 people
2. Stand in a circle.
3. Each group receives a beach ball with questions written on it.
4. The ball is tossed around the circle. When a person receives the ball, they respond to the question that their right pointer finger is on. Then they pass the ball to someone else.

- This activity can be played for any duration of time.
- Try to include everyone in the group once.
- If members are unfamiliar with each other, they can say their name before they answer the question.

**Sample Questions to Use on Beach Ball** (You may use these or add your own. It is recommended to have 10-15 questions on the beach ball.)

- Why did you decide to volunteer?
- What do you like best about working with youth?
- Name one quality you look for in a leader?
- Name one skill you have that will help you in your volunteer role.
- What is one thing you're looking forward to as a volunteer?
- Name a favorite hobby.
- Name an organization you have volunteered for.
- What has been your favorite volunteer role and why?
- What is one thing you would like to learn today?
- How do you like to learn? (Reading, seeing, hands-on)
- What is one way you communicate with others?
- How do you prefer others communicate with you?

