

NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BSA

SCOUTING FOR ALL ABILITIES TEAM

JOINING CONFERENCES – A CONVERSATION GUIDE

Narragansett Council's Scouting for ALL ABILITIES team has developed a training module to empower units to hold successful joining conferences with all incoming Scouts. This piece was created to support you with key questions to guide your conversations. You don't need to ask every question, but even a few should help open the door to a productive discussion. Building this bridge of trust is a critical first step to an amazing Scouting adventure. Be sure to have the Scout's Annual Health & Medical Record & IEP (if applicable) on hand to review as you meet.

Sample Questions

- To start with, is there anything you are concerned about in joining Scouting?
- What are your Scout's unique strengths?
- What are your Scout's hobbies or interests? How does your Scout spend free time?
- Is there anything that helps your Scout to be successful at home or at school?
- Is anything that might be harder for your Scout than for others?
- Does your Scout have any triggers and/or warning signals of becoming overwhelmed?
- Does your Scout use any self-calming techniques or calming tools?
- When your Scout struggles, how are they helped at home and school?
- Does your Scout have any learning or sensory needs that we need to consider?
- Does your Scout have any allergies? (confirm on AMHR)
- Does your Scout take any medication? (confirm on AMHR)
- Is there anything we need to watch out for or avoid doing with your Scout?
- Is there anything we need to make sure that we do for Scout?
- What can we do to help your Scout THRIVE in our unit?

