

SPEED DATE MY ARROW

FRATERNITY VALUE: LIFELONG COMMITMENT SUGGESTED FACILITATOR: VICE PRESIDENT MEMBER EXPERIENCE OR DIRECTOR LIFELONG MEMBERSHIP

Goals:

- To promote positive interaction between classes and all members of the chapter.
- To allow members a chance to talk about Pi Phi core values and their meaning in a fun, interactive setting.
- To allow older chapter members to share advice and insight about their time in Pi Phi.

Room setup/materials needed:

- Enough room for members to gather individually or as small groups (see "Getting Started" to help determine which facilitation style will work best for your chapter)
- Printed copies of the questions listed in "Getting Started"
- Something to keep track of time: stopwatch, watch or clock

Getting Started

Talking points are indicated with a callout bullet (\bigcirc). Please use these as speaking guidelines, but be sure to jazz up the presentation with your own personality. Facilitation instructions are indicated with an arrow (\searrow) and serve as hints you might find helpful when administering the material. Most importantly, have fun!

- This seminar will be set up in speed dating style. For example, you will split the chapter into Group A and Group B (the same amount of members in each). Group A will sit on one side of the table, and Group B on the other. Have the facilitator ring a bell or call "Time" after three minutes. At that point, Group B will rotate one person to their right while Group A will stay in the same spot. The cycle repeats. That way, members get to talk to a new person each round.
 - For larger chapters, there may not be enough space to rotate individually. If this is the case, consider breaking up into groups of three to five people. Have people rotate as a group (so at each station, you'd end up with six to ten people) instead of individuals. Each member within the group can take a turn answering one question off the card and then pass the card to the next member. For set ups including larger groups, be sure to increase the amount of time each group has before rotating. We suggest at least seven minutes to ensure everyone has time to answer a question.
 - For chapters over 100 members: 1) If the chapter is still too large for the group-style stated above, consider having the VPME present this during her Chapter Report. Chapter members who volunteer to answer one of the questions could receive a piece of candy, etc.; 2) Nominate a member from each pledge class to form a "panel" at the front of the room during chapter and have the Vice President Member Experience or Director Lifelong Membership ask them questions from the sheet; 3) If your chapter has dining facilities, consider laying out the question cards on the table and use meal times to facilitate the seminar. Ask the follow up questions during the next chapter meeting.
- Print out pieces of paper (enough for each group and/or individual, depending on which facilitation style works best for your chapter) with the following questions:



- If you could guest star in any current TV show, which one would it be and what would your character do?
- If you had to define your personality as an ice cream flavor, which one would it be?
- So far, what is your favorite Pi Phi memory?
- What is your favorite Pi Phi core value and why?
- How has Pi Phi helped make you a better friend, servant leader or student?
- Which core value do you struggle understanding or enacting the most?
- Which core value would you like to work on improving/enacting more this semester?
- What is one thing you have in common with the sister sitting across from you that you didn't know about before? (Maybe it's somewhere you both lived or traveled to, a favorite food or TV show, etc... get creative and ask some questions!)
- (To be asked to upperclass women) If you could give one piece of advice to help me get more out of my time at Pi Phi, what would it be?
- (To be asked to underclass women) What are you most looking forward to in Pi Phi this semester? What do you hope to get out of your time in Pi Phi?

Introduce the activity:

Today we are going to do a fun activity to get us talking about our favorite Pi Phi memories, our core values and our shared sisterhood! By the end of the activity, you'll have had a chance to meet new sisters, learn new facts about them and hopefully be inspired to continue investing your time in Pi Phi and living our core values.

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If you are a smaller chapter, consider the following introduction:

Today's activity is speed dating. If you've never participated in speed dating, here is how it works. We will split the chapter up into Group A and Group B. Each of you will then match up with one member of the opposite group. You'll have a list of questions to help facilitate your conversation, and you'll have three minutes to talk through the questions. I will ring the bell (or call out "Time!") after three minutes. At that point, members of Group B will rotate one person to their right and the clock will start again. We hope that this activity will be a fun way for us to talk with sisters we normally might not, and learn new things about each other.

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If you are a larger chapter doing speed dating in groups, consider the following instructions instead:

- Today's activity is speed dating. If you've never participated in speed dating, here is how it works. Everybody on the left side of the room (indicate which side) will be part of Group A. Form groups of three (or whichever number your EC determines will work best for your chapter). The rest of you are Group B. Please also form groups of three. Now, each Group A will need to pair up with a Group B. You'll have a list of questions to help facilitate your conversation, and you'll have seven minutes to talk through the questions. Have each member in the circle read one question and answer it, and then pass it to another group member. I will ring the bell (or call out "Time!") after seven minutes. At that point, members of Group B will rotate together one group to their right and the clock will start again. We hope this activity will be a fun way for us to talk with sisters we normally might not, and learn new things about each other.
 - Some of these questions involve our core values, so first let's review what they are.

- Ask chapter members to name the core values, or review them below (*Remember, you can also teach chapter members the mnemonic device "I Love Having Pi Phi Sisters"*):
- Integrity (I)
- Lifelong Commitment (Love)
- Honor and Respect (Having)
- Philanthropic Service to Others (*Pi*)
- Personal and Intellectual Growth (Phi)
- Sincere Friendship (Sisters)

Ask if members have any further questions on how this activity will work.

Separate chapter members into groups, and then pass out the question sheets.

Keep track of time, and call "Time!" as necessary to facilitate group rotations.

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End the activity after everyone has had a chance to rotate completely around, or after 40 minutes.

Final Trap-Up

After participants have finished rotating, ask them to direct their attention back to the front of the room. Ask chapter members the following questions:

- ➡ How many of you learned something new about a sister during this event?
- Who wants to share a core value they discussed as being their favorite, or one they said they would like to work on improving in their daily actions?
- ➡ How many of you thought this was a fun event? What did you like or dislike about it?

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Thank members for participating and end the seminar.

Evaluation: Don't forget to help the Fraternity assess this program. The program facilitator, as well as a member of each class, should be asked to visit the *Leading with Values*[®] pages on the website, www.pibetaphi.org/leadingwithvalues, to fill out a quick survey. Remember, the name of this seminar is **Speed Date My Arrow.** The chapter's Vice President Member Experience should remember to record the presentation of this program in the chapter's monthly regional report and in their Chapter Evaluation.