



# Family Meeting Thoughtstarters

Fun Ideas for Engaging Multigenerational Families

## Get to know each other better

- Collect and share baby photos of all family members, and guess who's who
- Storytelling around the campfire (tell stories about each other, or have a prompt or theme)
- Secret gifts/Secret Santa
- Conversation starter cards (family "Table Topics" cards are available for purchase online)
- Swap sessions (have all attendees bring a small item to swap representative of their family or location, like buttons or refrigerator magnets and bring people together to trade)
- Collect "day in the life" selfies of family members going about daily activity in the weeks leading up to the meeting, and share in a slideshow
- Present silly awards at the conclusion of the meeting like "Best S'mores Chef" and "Most Interesting T Shirt"



### THE BALL GAME

Write ice-breaker questions all over a bouncy ball such as: How do you like to relax? Do you collect anything? What is your least favorite chore? Stand in a circle and toss the ball around. Whoever catches it, answers the question nearest to their right thumb!

## Community focus

- Group service project in the community
- Run a food or clothing drive
- Help kids create and run a lemonade stand and donate funds to charity
- Organize a neighborhood yard or garage sale and donate the proceeds to a favorite charity
- Assemble kits for rescued pets, patients undergoing medical treatment, or the homeless



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## Collect and reflect on family history

- Family recipe showcase or cooking competition
- Have children interview their grandparents, record the output, edit, get final approval from them and distribute
- Video scavenger hunt, where locations/items/solutions derive from history of the family or company, and all the hijinks are captured on video
- Family trivia
- Set aside an area to create a family photo album, with each family bringing their own photographs and decorating page.
- Have photographer do family photos
- Create a family crest together. Break into teams, brainstorm things to include and their meanings (pictures, colors, etc.), and share your finished artwork
- Bring items to create a family time capsule that can be opened in 5 or 10 years
- Make a custom Monopoly board based on the family company or family history. (Check out <https://na.mymonopoly.com>)

## Family mission, vision and values

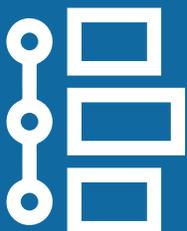
- Open and close the meeting with family values. Put each value on a flip chart on the wall and have family members share how they've observed that value over the course of the meeting

## Supporting engaged ownership

- Tour family company operations
- Share stories of pivotal events in the business/enterprise history (challenges, risks, successes)

## Just Plain Fun

- Karaoke
- Paintball
- Picnic games (three legged races, ring toss, etc.)
- White water rafting
- Make and fly kites
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Professional sports game
- Cooking class
- Hula Hoop Competition
- Paper airplane competition



### FAMILY HISTORY TIMELINE

Have participants fill in key dates and events.