

Group Interview FAQ's

Who is eligible for a group interview?

- 1) Participants must be aged 14-17 years old
- 2) Focus groups will be composed of members of the same troop. In the case of a BSA linked ('sister/brother') troop, the focus group will only include members of the all-girl troop or the all-boy troop.
- 3) Minimum number of participants to run focus group will be 3, and they will be capped at 15 participants.
- 4) One adult leader from the troop will be asked to be present, but not participate.

What do participants get for their time?

Each focus group participant will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card for their time, regardless of level of participation in the group or if they withdrawal

What permissions are necessary?

Since the participants are under 18, the participant and their parent will complete this consent form together:
https://bgsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_doQ8YTCVWmXqOl8

When and where are group interviews held?

Focus groups can be conducted in-person anywhere in the U.S. (as my travel permits) or over zoom.

Is the interview confidential?

Yes, sort of. When I transcribe the interviews, I remove all identifying information that may be shared, such as names, locations, etc. However, since it is a group interview, I cannot guarantee that information that one participant shares won't be shared by another participant. I ask participants to be respectful of each other and keep the conversation confidential, but since this cannot be assured, I also remind participants to be mindful of what they share in the group context.

Who approves this research?

This research is approved by Bowling Green State University Institutional Review Board (#1470494). It is not commissioned or organized by either the BSA or GSUSA.

What is involved for the Adult Troop Leader/Volunteer?

- 1) I would need you (or other Troop adult leader) to help me organize a date/time to do the group interview. If we decide to do it over zoom, I'd create a zoom meeting and you would share that with the kids participating.
- 2) You would need to send an email (from me, so basically you'd be forwarding it) to troop parents so they can decide if their kid will participate. This email will have this link for the consent form:
https://bgsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_doQ8YTCVWmXqOl8
- 3) If I was not going to be there in person, I would send you a package (overnight if necessary) that contains cards and envelopes. These cards are for the kids to fill out and just have demographic information (e.g., gender identity, age, race, etc.). The kids complete these and put them in a sealed envelope. You collect these and drop it back in the mail to me (I'll include a self-addressed stamped large-envelope). If I'm in person for the interview, I just distribute and collect the cards myself.
- 4) The interview itself is audio recorded and should take about an hour. You (or other registered adult) would be present. By the way, I have completed Youth Protection Training as well.

Have more questions or want to talk further? Please don't hesitate to contact me! Dr. Sarah Rainey-Smithback
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