

## Dating Game Workshop Description



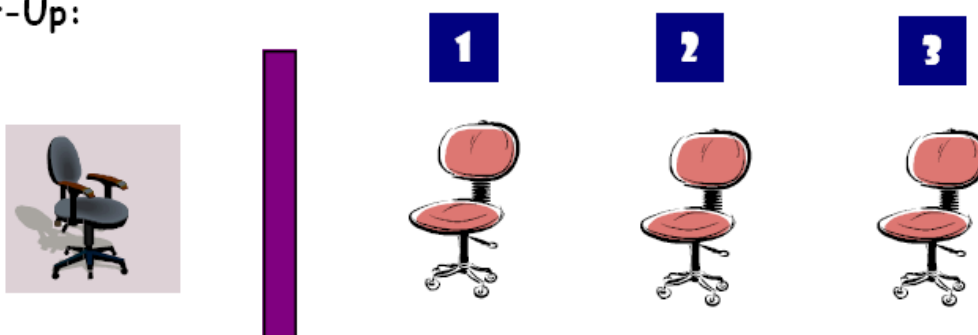
**Overview:** This workshop is like the classic television game show. Three people sit on stage and vie for a date with a person who is hidden from their view. The person selected, and their date share a prize dinner date at your conference banquet. "The Dating Game" is sure to provide plenty of flirtatious moments.

### Materials:

- Background songs are from *Definitive Hits* by Herb Alpert -- Release Date: March 27, 2001.
- Draw or print the numbers 1, 2 and 3 on separate pieces of 11 x 17 paper.
- A small room divider or screen about 6' X 6' (you could use a portable chalk board on a stand)
- 4 chairs



- Make a dozen or more flowers cut out of foam of different colors. Just cut 5 petals in one color and a circle out of another color for the middle. Use packing tape to hold them together. (Don't worry this is easy).
- Write up the questions on flip chart paper. Write 5 questions on each page. Use an easel to hold the flip chart for the contestant to read.

**Set-Up:**

To get folks in the mood, play the songs **Spanish Flea** and **Whipped Cream** from Herb Alpert's CD. These are the songs used on the original television show - the Dating Game. It is fun to decorate the "set" with the flowers. Write the numbers 1, 2 and 3 (see above) on easel paper. You can use easels to display the numbers behind the contestants or if you can set up in front of a wall just tape the numbers up on the wall.

**How to Play the Dating Game:**

The game rules are simple. Pick a contestant from the audience.

Then ask for people who are interested in trying to win a date with this person to raise their hand. (We suggest that the contestant should only pick people who stay in their seats because sometimes eager folks will rush the stage.)



The contestant then picks 3 people to play the dating game. Those 3 people come up on stage

and sit in the seats numbered #1, #2 and #3. Make sure the contestant does not see what seats the 3 people sit down on. (On one side of the partition you have three people answering questions from the contestant seated on the other side of the partition. The contestant should not be able to see the people.)

The game show host then asks the contestant to ask 5 different questions, but one at a time. The contestant is given a certain amount of time to ask as many questions as they can to the three people. (It can get confusing so we find that it is a good idea to always ask questions in the same order that is ask person #1, then person #2 then person # 3.) More often than not, the questions would be of a quirky nature. (E.G.: "If we were marooned on a desert island, what would be the first thing you'd do and why?"). We have provided you with a list questions to use but you can make up other ones.

After you have gone through 5 questions take a "commercial break", play the song Spanish Flea. The contestant will think about which person they will select. When the song is over, the host will have the person announce their choice. Then play the song Whipped Cream when you introduce the two people that did NOT get select. Introduce them by saying their name, where they are from.

Then the person meets their date, at which point you will tell them where they were going for their date. When we do the dating game



at our annual self-advocacy conference the couples who win the Dating Game have a date at the evening banquet. We get 4 small tables set up for two people each at the evening banquets for the couples who win a date at our workshop. We will decorate the tables with flowers and candles.

The dating game has become an enormous hit at our self-advocacy conferences. Any questions call: Green Mountain Self-Advocates at 1-802-229-2600 or email [conference@gmsavt.org](mailto:conference@gmsavt.org)

### **Dating Game Script**

Roles:

(person A) : Game Show MC – says everything written in red.

(person B) : Helps 3 contestants answer the questions

(person C) : Helps the person asking the questions

(person D) : Plays music (this is completely optional)

### **AND THE SHOW BEGINS**

Person D plays the song **Spanish Flea** song from Herb Albert CD

● \_\_\_\_\_ says

**Welcome everyone to the Dating Game**

**Brought to you by Green Mountain Self-Advocates from, Vermont**

**This is your Love Connection for the conference**

**Today we going to match 5 maybe 6 dates for the dinner dance this evening.**

**We play the dating game just like they did on TV in the 60's and 70's.**

**Over 2,000 dates were matched up back then on TV.**

Over the years many famous people have used this love connection including folks like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Burt Reynolds, John Ritter, Michael Jackson, Suzanne Somers and Farrah Faegett. Of all the 2,000 dates that got matched up – only 20 couples went on to get married.

So good luck.

But our game is just one of the many ways you can find a date while at the conference.

What are some other ways to meet people while here at the conference? (call on people)

Well, we are going to help you out

We came up with some funny questions to use when deciding if you want to ask someone out on a date.

Now I am going to ask for volunteers.

**BUT – I will only pick you if you raise your hand, wait in your seat, and I will call on you. So, who wants to go first?**

(Select a contestant. Have this contestant come to the front and stand with \_\_\_\_\_)

Okay, who wants to play the dating game and try to win a date with \_\_\_\_\_ (say the contestant's name).

\_\_\_\_\_ (say the contestant's name) you get to pick 3 people you want to play the game. Three people you are interested in having a date with.

The contestant picks 3 people who sit in the 3 seats for contestants.

Then \_\_\_\_\_ helps the contestant to ask questions on the flip chart. Always ask -- #1 then # 2 then # 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ helps the 3 people answering the questions.

Usually 5 questions are written on each page of flip chart paper asked. Ask 5 questions for each date.

● (\_\_\_\_\_) Okay \_\_\_\_\_ (say the contestant's name) take a few minutes to think about who you want to pick for your date this evening.

Person D plays the song Whipped cream on the CD.

● Okay \_\_\_\_\_ – who is the lucky person

\_\_\_\_\_ says - Okay folks. First let's meet the people that did NOT get picked.

# \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_ – here is your date for this evening!

### Dating Game Sample Questions

1. If you had a \$100, what kind of gift would you give me?
2. Which is more important: having a great sense of humor, being active and sporty, or being passionate about life?
3. What makes you laugh?
4. Which Disney character would you say best describes you?
  - Mickey Mouse
  - Goofy
  - Gaston
  - Winnie the Pooh
  - Or someone else
5. Who do you think should pay the bill for a dinner date?

6. On our first date, which animal will you be like?
  - A turtle
  - A kitten
  - A tiger
  - or An Octopus
7. What is your favorite holiday and why?
8. Describe a perfect vacation?
9. What is your favorite "comfort food"?
10. Which song best describes our first date?
  - a. It's Getting Hot in here by Nelly
  - b. You are so beautiful by Joe Cocker
  - c. Just the way you are by Bruno Mars
  - d. Wild thing by the Troggs
11. What would you describe as a "perfect date"?
12. If you could change jobs, what would be your dream job?
13. For a Valentine's Day gift, which of these do you like to get me?
  - Candy
  - Flowers
  - Smooches
14. Even though it can turn your brain into oatmeal, what "junk" TV show do you love to watch?
15. If you saw somebody flirting with your sweetie, what animal would you act like?
  - a bear
  - a monkey
  - Or, a mouse?
16. It's Christmas, I'm Santa Claus, and you are sitting on my lap, what are you going to ask for?
17. If you could star in any TV show, which TV show would you pick?

18. How would you like me to smell on our first date?
- Fresh-baked cookies
  - Newly-cut grass and sunshine
  - Engine oil from working on my motorcycle
19. How do you have fun?
20. Which flavor of ice cream describes you?
- Vanilla
  - Cookies N' **Cream**
  - Chocolate
  - Moose Tracks?
21. If you were a dog, what would you be?
- Saint Bernard,
  - Black Lab
  - Beagle,
  - Bull dog,
  - or something else
22. What type of music do you listen to most and what do you like about it?
23. What is the most romantic gift you have ever given someone?
24. If you were to make me dinner, what would you serve?
25. Which of these movies would you want to see first?
- Spider Man
  - A Star is Born
  - Pet Cemetery
  - Black Panther
26. If you had a car, what car best describes you?
- a. Mustang
  - b. Pickup Truck
  - c. An Electric car
  - d. Love Bug
27. Do you believe in love at first sight?



28. What are some nicknames you have?
29. Where would you want to go on our first date?
30. If you were to take a class, any class you wanted for fun, what would it be?