

# Friendship Want Ads

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ **Introductory**      x   **Working**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Closing**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Game**  
Low Risk –                      Growing Risk –                      Ending –                      Active Exercise –  
Getting to know                      Personal                      Saying goodbye                      For group building  
each other                      awareness                                           and fun

**Optimum Group Size:** 6+

**Materials Needed:** Newsprint paper, markers, tape

## Outline of Activity:

Tell participants that they are going to look through the want ads, but we have to write them first! Ask participants to write a “friend wanted” ad describing characteristics they look for in a friend. ( You may want to assign participants numbers or fictitious names, so when they read each others ads, they don’t know who belongs to each ad.) Then ask participants tone “friend wanted” and one “friend offered.” They can’t pick their own. (This part is more revealing if they used numbers or fictitious names.)

## Goal:

To help participants realize what they hope for and expect in a friend, as well as what they have to offer as a friend.

## How to Process:

- What did you find out about each other?
- What did you find out about yourself?
- Why is it important to ask for what you want?

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