



**Board Leadership Training**  
**Date TBD**  
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**Touchstone Text:** "Andrew Jackson, in the main foyer of his White House, had a big block of cheese." -Leo McGarry

**Goals:**

- PPs will learn the importance of listening
- PPs will improve their communication skills

**Objectives:**

- PPs will listen to each other's stories about their time in NFTY
- PPs will repeat the stories that they were told

**Materials:**

- 1 Regional or TYG Board

**People:**

- 1 PL (Board President)
- 6 PPs (Board members, including PL)

**Space Needed:**

- A medium-sized room or zoom call

**Time Table:**

00:00-00:05 Introduction

00:05-00:15 Swap Stories

00:15-00:25 Swap Again

00:25-00:40 Share with group

00:40-00:50 Debrief

**Detailed Procedure:**

00:00-00:05 Introduction

PL will welcome PPs to the program and then explain the program. They will explain that the point of the program is to learn how to listen to and pass on information. PL will instruct PPs to think of their favorite moment in NFTY and divide PPs into pairs.

00:05-00:15 Swap Stories

Pairs will spread out in the room or go into breakout rooms. PPs will take turns telling the story of their favorite NFTY moment and listening to what their partner has to say. When both PPs in a pair have told their story, they will return to the main zoom room if virtual. If the program is in-person, PPs will meet back as a group after all pairs are finished.



#### 00:15-00:25 Swap Again

PL will now give PPs new pairs and inform them that they are to tell the story they just heard to their new partner, as if it had happened to them. PPs will again spread out in the room or enter breakout rooms and tell their new story, meeting back together when all groups are done.

#### 00:25-00:40 Share with group

Having met back as a full board, PPs will now take turns sharing the final story they were told with the whole group. It will again be told from the first-person point of view, as close to verbatim as possible.

#### 00:40-00:50 Debrief

After everyone has shared a story, PPs will dissect the retellings to see how they differed from the original. PL will point out how information can be lost when it is passed on several times. PL will ask PPs how listening and retelling was different between the second time, when they knew they would have to retell the story, and the first time, when they didn't. PL will attempt to direct the conversation to the conclusion that proper listening takes a conscious effort. Once the discussion is over, PL will end the program, and PPs will continue planning awesome NFTY stuff!