

*Per National Policy, the Pledge Education Guide, including this document, must be followed and cannot be deviated from.*

## Getting Started Approved Big Brother Introductions

The following activities have been approved for Big Brother Introductions. Any Big Brother Introductions not included in this list must be discussed with Central Office staff, by emailing [hub@dsp.org](mailto:hub@dsp.org), and approved.

Activities are not intended to scare, surprise, or embarrass a big brother or a pledge. All activities should attempt to avoid guessing of information as it may cause embarrassment or hurt feelings of an individual if guesses incorrectly.

**Big Brother Introduction activities should last no more than 15-20 minutes as there are curriculum elements to be achieved during the pledge education meeting.**

### Simple Introductions:

- VPPE simply announces pairings
  - Variation: Name of pledge appears on a screen and screen transitions to the name of the big brother
- VPPE announces three interesting facts about a big brother, provided by the big brother, then announces the pledge (there is not to be any guessing by pledges as to who the big brother is)
- Rose ceremony: big brothers present pledges with a rose
- Pledges open envelopes with the name and/or picture of their big brother in the envelope
- Pledges are provided with an envelope with a note expressing their excitement and signed by the big brother
- Big brothers have a sign with the name of a pledge on it and will hold it up at an appropriate time

### Matching Introductions

- Famous pairs: all participants must first identify the name/object on a piece of paper they have taped to their back, using only yes or no questions, then must find the matching pair
  - examples: Peanut Butter/Jelly, Mickey/Minnie Mouse, Ellen/Portia, Mario/Luigi, Jimmy Fallon/Justin Timberlake, Tina Fey/Amy Poehler, Salt/Pepper, Chip/Dale, Woody/Buzz Lightyear, Ketchup/Mustard, SpongeBob/Patrick, Green Eggs/Ham, Macaroni/Cheese, etc.
  - All pairs must be appropriate and culturally sensitive
- Pledges are provided with a childhood picture of their big brother. Pictures must be approved and provided by the big brother. The pledge then seeks out the big brother.
- Chapter provides each pledge with a specific color balloon. Big brothers have the same color balloon and pairs must identify each other. (\*\*If considering this option, the VPPE should find out if any pledges or big brothers have a latex allergy. If so, the VPPE should choose another option\*\*)
- Pledge is provided with a matching article of clothing (socks, T-shirt, etc.) as big brothers, they must identify
- Song Lyrics: big brothers are provided with a verse of song lyrics, while pledges are provided with the next. The pair must identify each other to complete the song.