

Getting to know each other

Month 1 Meeting 1

Use your first meeting to introduce the team members and help them get to know each other. Distribute the parent information and permission form, make a list of members, and elect officers. Lead a discussion about the Cyber S.W.A.T. program and what the students hope to get out of the experience.

CYBER SWAT

Objectives

- Create a member list with names, emails, and phone numbers.
- Distribute the parent information and permission form with instructions to return it at the next meeting.
- Show the group the Cyber S.W.A.T. website and explain the program briefly.
- Elect team officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, social media coordinator and any other officers the group thinks would be helpful).
- Lead a discussion to help the students get to know each other.

Materials

- Member list
- Parent information and permission form
- Internet connection (to show the Cyber S.W.A.T. website)
- Project and presentation planning guide

Agenda

Welcome

As students enter the room, have them fill out the team member contact sheet. Introduce yourself and give a brief overview of the Cyber S.W.A.T. program. Pass out the parent information and permission form and instruct students to return it at the next meeting.

Icebreaker

Name Game: Arrange the group into a circle (either standing or in chairs). The game begins with a player introducing him/herself with an adjective that starts with the first letter (or phonetic sound) as their name. For example, a player be Terrific Tina or Peppy Paul. The next player has to repeat the previous player's name and adjective plus their own name with an alliterative adjective. Continue around the circle, with each person naming everyone who came before, plus their own names. It ends with the first person repeating every name combination from everyone in the circle.

Introduction to Cyber S.W.A.T.

On a projector or large screen, show students the Cyber S.W.A.T. website. If technology and time permit, show a Cyber S.W.A.T. video.

Election of officers

Allow the group to nominate and elect team officers for the school year.

Discussion topics

Ask the group what they hope to get out of the Cyber S.W.A.T. experience. Record their responses on a white board or flip chart.

Potential responses may include:

- Learning more about online safety.
- Working as a team.
- Presenting what they've learned to younger students.
- Raising awareness.

Let the team members know that you will be tackling tough issues like bullying, online predators, and suicide prevention. Cyber S.W.A.T. is a safe place to discuss these difficult topics. However, no explicit pictures will be created or shared, even as examples; and you will do your best to help team members feel supported and safe, redirecting conversations if necessary.

Project planning

At this early stage, the team should:

- Be familiar with Cyber Safety Awareness Week
- Set-up social media accounts for Team Cyber S.W.A.T. at your school.

Additional resources

- NetSmartz Teaching Resources: <https://www.netsmartz.org/TeachingResources>
- Safe Surfin' Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens: <http://safesurfin.org/surf-safely/>
- Cyber S.W.A.T. homepage: www.teamcyberswat.org