**ACROSS THE LINE**

**Description**: This is a simple get-acquainted activity that requires no supplies, just the list of questions and space for participants to step forward. It’s a very easy way for participants to learn a bit about each other and start to develop connections with other members or volunteers.

**Goal:** Participants will become more familiar with each other and start to understand the value of networking and getting to know others you work/volunteer with.

**Audience:** all ages, including adults

**Time Needed**: 10-15 minutes, can be adjusted based on time available

**Supplies:** list of questions/statements, tape to make a line (or just have participants form a line)

**Directions:**

1. Ask participants to form a line, standing side-by-side.
2. This is a get acquainted activity. You, as the activity facilitator, will read the statements/questions and if the statement applies to the participants, they should step forward.
3. After the participants have finished moving, they can return back to the line.
4. Ask as many questions/statements as you wish – gauge the time and interest level of the participants.

* This activity can be played for any duration of time.
* Feel free to ask any of the statements listed below, or you can make up your own (depending on your audience)
* If members are unfamiliar with each other, they can say their name when they step forward for the first time.

**Processing Questions:**

* Did you learn anything about the other people in the group?
* How might it be helpful to know some of these things?
* Why is it important to get to know the other people in your group?

**Step across the line**

* If you like summer
* If you’ve been a volunteer
* If you were born outside the state of Wisconsin
* If you have a garden at home
* If you know how to knit
* If you love being outdoors
* If you have pets at home
* If you’ve ever been a mentor for a young person
* If you are comfortable with computers
* If you’ve taught someone to do/make/create something
* If you’ve ever led a meeting
* If you are excited to be a UW-Extension Volunteer!