



# Talking Out

## A Voice for Outdoor Places and People

### Standard Podcast Introduction

This is \_\_\_\_\_ (your first and last name) on the podcast “Talking Out.” Today we have \_\_\_\_\_ (the first and last name of your subject). S/he is a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and most importantly \_\_\_\_\_ (list three occupations/activities this person does). Good morning \_\_\_\_\_ (subject name) and thank you for coming on the show.

### Standard Podcast Conclusion

Thank you for joining us \_\_\_\_\_ (the first and last name of your subject). This is \_\_\_\_\_ (your first and last name) signing off for “Talking Out”.

### Some old sage advice...

- Remember to speak slowly and clearly, pronouncing every word
- Avoid using filler words such as um, ah, and uh
- These microphones will pick up on any noise (feet tapping, dogs barking) – set up your interview in a quiet place
- Having your questions ready, sitting in front of you
- Relax. Think of this more as a conversation than an interview
- Good luck and have fun!

# Podcast Interview Tips:

**1. Research your subject** beforehand and formulate questions. Whether you ask other people or use the Internet, better questions result from more research.

**2. Arrange the questions** in a logical order and write them down. Written questions ensure that you don't forget anything and have a logical and coherent podcast.

However, listen to your subject during the interview so you don't miss the chance for a follow-up question that may not be on your sheet.

**3. Contact your subject** at least a week before you might need to meet with them.

People are very busy and may not be able to meet with you for a long time. If you wait until your deadline is close, then you may not get the interview.

**4. Send your questions** to your source beforehand - make sure they know this is a podcast. Podcasts are sound so sending the questions beforehand allows the subject to think of their responses ahead of time for the best sounding interview possible.

**5. Interview.** When you go to the interview, relax. Odds are that the person you are interviewing is as nervous as you may be. Smile, introduce yourself if necessary and ask them if they have any questions. When you begin the podcast make it feel like a conversation, not an interrogation.

# General Questions

**to ask during interviews (Both sets of questions may apply)**

## **If the Subject Works Outside:**

What lead to your decision to do \_\_\_\_\_ (specific job)?

- If given the opportunity, would you choose the same job again?

What kind of training is required to do your job and where did you receive this training?

What is your fondest memory you have while doing your job?

What would you recommend to someone considering your job?

What traits or skills should a person have in order to perform your job?

- Why would someone need those traits or skills?

Do you have any outdoor hobbies?

## **If the Subject has an Outdoor Hobby:**

When and why did you start your outdoor hobby?

What skills are required for your particular hobby?

- How did you gain these skills?

How often do you do your hobby?

Have you competed in any competitions/events related to your hobby?

What is your most vivid memory you have from doing your hobby?

What are your other hobbies?

What is your job?