

Ethnography Topics / Subcultures

Ideas from the past—feel free to come up with something new!

Remember: You need to choose a subculture that you have never been a part of.

School activities and organizations – go through the yearbook

School classes – specialized, i.e. tech ed, advanced art, FACS, etc.

School programs – ELD, EBD, Special ED, arts magnet – may require “permission”

School social groups – “cliques” – look in the locker bays, lunch room, library

Teacher social groups – lunch room, departments (meetings only as follow-up)

Administrators – they’re pretty picky about who they let in – confidentiality

Support staff – lunch ladies, secretaries, counselors, custodians

Sports – at any level, including youth, intramural, club (manageable size)

Sports parents – (‘nuff said)

Sports fans

Other school settings – alternative, charter, home-school coop, *very* small

Post-secondary / college – night classes, dorm floors

Coffee / lunch groups – kids, retirees, farmers

Youth groups, religious groups, mission trips

Garage bands

Civic organizations – city council, Knights of Columbus, Boy/Girl Scouts

Adult sports leagues – volleyball, darts, bowling, indoor soccer, basketball

Senior groups – outside of “nursing home”, Red Hat Society

Nursing homes, adult care centers, group homes – again, requires permission

Support groups – Alateen, Al Anon, Grief – lots of permission required

Health/Fitness – pilates, yoga, Weight Watchers, Curves, weightroom, karate

Family/Lifestyle – large family, farm family, immigrant

Hobbies/Interests – gamers, quilters, rodeo, book clubs, bikers

Vocations – surgical team, maternity ward nurses, monks, nuns – be able to view
a community, not a “job shadow”

Sources: parents, siblings, relatives, friends, newspaper, community ed magazine, flyers, phonebook, yearbook, church bulletin, announcements

