

YOUTH SPIRIT PROGRAM



Chapter 14: Honoring Ceremony



The goal of this chapter

...is to honor youth participants completing the program.

The intervention program culminates with an Honoring of youth participants. This is similar to a graduation ceremony in that facilitators acknowledge youth for the completion of the program and honor their unique attributes. A private 'popcorn party' viewing of the completed digital stories is held. Certificates of Completion and sweatshirts with project logo are gifted.

A public ceremony is scheduled and can be held during an annual Youth Honoring Ceremony. This could incorporate the work participants have done on identifying mentors. Youth are encouraged to invite their mentors to attend the ceremony. Youth can prepare a short speech about why this person or mentor is important and honor them with a handmade gift (necklace, weaving, etc.). The mentor also has the opportunity to talk about the youth and their accomplishments. Digital stories that the youth created can be shown with prior permission. Art projects created during the program can be shown.

Tribal Elders, leaders, the curriculum review committee and the youth's families are also invited to witness this ceremony and share a meal (virtually or in-person – provide zoom link or gathering info).

Time: Varies

Materials

- Certificates of Completion

Preparation

- Order materials (e.g. t-shirts, raffle prizes, party swag, games, etc.)
- Prepare & Print Certificates of Completion:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAEn7hfFFBw/7MzROw2G_MqDpmFmMod8JA/view?utm_content=DAEn7hfFFBw&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton&mode=preview

Cultural Component Option(s)

Note: additional time needed for this activity

- Invite any community members/ family (virtual or in-person – provide zoom link or gathering info)
- Read Totem Pole Story; Eagle Totem

Chapter 14
FINAL
Youth Handout

Journal Space

What was your favorite part and your least favorite part about YSP?

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
YOUTH SPIRIT PROGRAM

This Certificate is proudly presented to

Emma Jane

has successfully completed
the program

Signature

