



Ensuring Positive Youth Development in Camp Settings for Youth to Thrive

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Facilitated Reflection Session

This document is a resource for the Facilitated State Reflection sessions each day of the academy. It is meant to support state groups as they come together by offering questions to help learners engage with the content to support meaning-making and application within the local context.

A Padlet has been created for each day as a way to capture thoughts and ideas.

1. Open Padlet link
2. Click the green + at the bottom right corner of your screen.
3. Name your post with your group name including State and/or Organizations represented.
4. Add a summary in the body of the post including what questions you discussed and the direction your reflection headed for the day. No wrong answers but share your discussion points with the other groups!
5. Be sure to share a pic or video of your warm up using the attachment links in the middle of the post.
6. Feel free to comment on other group reflections or ideas shared.

We hope to see a fun review of all reflections in the thread throughout the Academy!

On day three, please share one or two “big ideas” on the Padlet, labeling your ideas with your state or organization as a way to connect and share ideas on a larger scale.

PADLET Link: <https://padlet.com/maryarnold2/camp-experiences-for-youth-to-thrive-ixo814jeqj550sxj>



Day 1-Positive Youth Development at Camp

Tuesday April 25th, State Reflection Time 4:30pm ET (3:30pm CT; 2:30pm MT; 1:30pm PT)

Warm-Up: The Name Game (p. 4 in this guide)

Pick a couple of the following questions to guide a discussion:

- How does Youth Development look different in a camp delivery? What do you observe, hear, etc.
- How do we create a culture of belonging at camp?
- How do we foster sparks in a camp setting?
- In what ways have you observed relationship building being fostered at camp?
- How do we ensure all youth at camp are engaged?
- What was your biggest takeaway from the sessions today?

Day 2-The Positive Impact of Camp

Wednesday April 26th State Reflection Time 4:30pm ET (3:30pm CT; 2:30pm MT; 1:30pm PT)

Warm-Up: “What are the three items you are taking to camp?” (p. 5 in this guide)

Pick a couple of the following questions to guide a discussion:

- What does an ideal camping experience look like?
- What does it look like to see youth thriving in a camping experience?
- Share with your group an unexpected impact of camp (as it relates to the Thriving Model) you have seen on a youth or group of young people?
- Did you learn any new strategies for engaging youth in camping? If so, please share.

Day 3-Preparing Camp Staff to Ensure Youth Thrive

Thursday April 27th, State Reflection Time 4:30pm ET (3:30pm CT; 2:30pm MT; 1:30pm PT)

Warm-Up: Camp Song as a Group (p. 6 in this guide)

Pick a couple of the following questions to guide a discussion:

- What do we do well in the preparing of camp staff? What could we do better?
- What resources do we need to better prepare staff, particularly around PYD? What resources have you found the most beneficial?
- What was your ah-ha moment from today?
- What will you do differently in your own program as a result of information you have learned in the Academy so far?

Share your ideas

One thing that is often missing in virtual PD opportunities is networking. If there is anything else you would like to share as a group or as an individual, please add it to the Padlet link.

NAME GAME WARM UP

Each group should have a separate Zoom link, provided to you by your group leader.

1. Wait until the entire group logs into Zoom.

First person start out by saying your name and one 4-H or camp item that begins with the same letter as your name.

2. Then the next person does theirs, plus yours. Then the third person does theirs, the second's and the first's name and item.

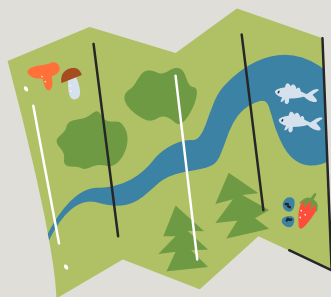
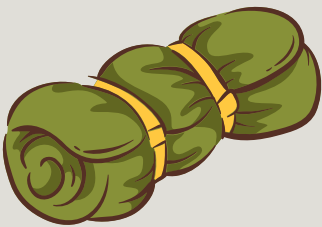
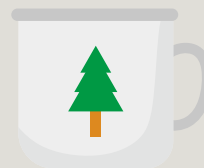
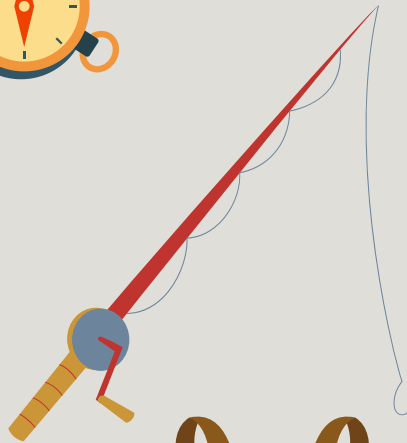
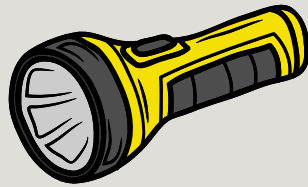
3. It then moves on down the line, so that the last person has to do everyone with in the group.



PACKING FOR



You are getting ready to head off to camp. Which 3 items below do you take with you and why?



CAMP SONG WARM UP



Each group should have a separate Zoom link, provided to you by your group leader.

Choose a camp song. Each reflection should identify a camp song prior to meeting. When in doubt, Google it :) Sing the camp song as a group. Actions are a must!

Don't forget to take a video or snap a pic to add to the daily padlet!

