SPARK – COMMUNITY THROUGH ICEBREAKERS – EVALUATION

TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF TODAY’S TRAINING

The overall session:  GREAT – 31   GOOD – 3

Change to network:   GREAT – 20   GOOD – 12   SO-SO – 3

Pace of workshop:    GREAT – 32   GOOD - 2

Learning content:    GREAT – 28   GOOD – 6

Practical tools/strategies:   GREAT – 30   GOOD – 4

SHARE ONE THING YOU LEARNED TODAY:

▪ How to create comfort in a big community
▪ More icebreakers!
▪ New icebreakers (4)
▪ Knowing other resource
▪ Group activities
▪ Why it is so important to do icebreakers
▪ Some good icebreakers to use.
▪ Better tool in how to have youth participate without so much pressure
▪ I need to go back to my notes from time to time to recall past training with YDN
▪ Activity – I will definitely use it with my youth groups
▪ Group of Fantastic Four, like the interaction and group presentation
▪ A lot of new activities to share with the youth (3)
▪ Team scavenger hunt
▪ Some really awesome and innovative icebreakers
▪ The importance of different types of icebreakers
▪ More ways of explaining how important this is to my staff
▪ Various activities to build community
▪ Reminded me of the importance of relationship vs. content
▪ I love community building activities
▪ Building communities slowly and intentionally increased safety and fun
▪ Building community through progressive grouping
▪ Learned about foam noodle tag. Want specific instructions
▪ Different “steps” in icebreakers from individual to full group
▪ Take a step back and engage even when busy
▪ Photo finish, #1 fan
▪ Good full group activities
▪ Finger game
WHAT DID YOU LEARN OR EXPERIENCE TODAY THAT WAS MOST USEFUL?

- Loved learning new ideas to share with youth
- Level of groups and games for each
- Different icebreaker activities (6)
- The finger counting game. We need to support the person who beat us.
- Working with a team/group of people that never met...very fun & challenging. I can share this experience with the youth.
- 1 – 1 full group examples
- I learned that there are always new things that even facilitators can learn
- Organization of small groups to larger group
- About the stages of communities
- The stages pairs – small group – large group – full group
- Feedback from group on their reactions to the icebreakers. Helps realize how more than one person feels about the experience
- How easy it is to have a lot of fun
- How to split kids into smaller groups
- More tools to work with kids – Thanks!
- All
- Easy to get involved, even though everyone hesitates
- Getting to meet people who are doing the same thing
- Different activities
- Practiced building community icebreakers
- A reminder of the importance of icebreakers
- Large icebreakers
- The value of icebreakers for building community
- Small group activities and one-on-one
- New ideas

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT THIS SESSION?

- Getting to know others that love to work with the youth
- The energy in the room & new icebreakers
- New people and games (3)
- Engagement
- Activities
- The scavenger hunt (2)
- Icebreakers & meeting new people
- Relationship building, I loved it, makes us think to have building relationships with others
- Outside large group activity, left palm, right finger
- All of it – Well done!
- Fun
- The diversity of the activities
- Participating in the activities we learned
The handshake 3 minute activity
Being outside for some of the training
The energy (2)
The math game
The workshop outside. We had a lot of room to work with
The large group activity
Not just sitting around
Music! Heart pumping
It was very active and upbeat
Being outside!
Engaging activities
Facility
Getting out of the office and playing for 2 hours
Networking (3)
Seeing new faces and familiar ones, too!
The pace

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT THIS MINI-TRAINING?
- Longer (2)
- Just a bigger room (2)
- I would like an introduction of group for better networking
- Nothing (7)
- A few minutes to discuss challenges in doing icebreakers & brainstorm solutions
- Bring my co-workers
- I don’t think I would change anything. I almost wish it wasn’t mini. Sorry, I understand this may not be helpful, but I think you all covered a lot!
- Maybe having a session where we all share our programs so we can network
- More info in the packets to review later
- Not much, it was great
- Nothing, it was so much fun. Time went by too fast
- Longer, 3 hours maybe (2)
- You guys did a great job, thank you!
- Chance to see who else is here with a lunch session to talk
- It’s too short.
- More in-depth brainstorming of other icebreakers
- Better food
- More networking

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE COVERED AT FUTURE MINI-TRAININGS?
- A networking session specifically for groups in the area who are looking for partners
- More smaller icebreakers
- More “team builders” that deepened the development of a community
Looking forward to topics being covered
How to get young staff excited about icebreakers & feel more comfortable teaching using icebreakers
Dealing with negative behaviors of youth
I’m looking forward to the 3rd training. I’m hoping to learn a lot on this training and taking it back to my program.
Energizers! (2)
How to endorse leadership, how to talk about the tough issues sensitively, how to handle conflict within the group
Maybe something more on youth at the center of adult relationships
Working with kids to avoid conflict or work through conflict with their peers
How to explain the value of icebreakers to professionals, dealing with difficult behaviors
What networking really looks like. How to get people comfortable with networking
A few more resources to find icebreakers online or a list in our folder would be cool!
More activities
40 Assets techniques
How to communicate one-on-one

OTHER COMMENTS

Great workshop and an awesome learning experience.
Great training! (8)
Thank you! (5)
Fun & productive! (2)
Yes! I feel you! It was a blast!
Great job, again
Yah rock. When can I get you to come to my organization?
See you next month for the next training
This was fun
YDN is always fun.
Really great!
“When you leave your comfort zone, you find another place.” Adrian. Great eval!
Really enjoyed it all
Great trainers
I love YDN
Great job – good refresher for me after 5 years