

Sample Validity Conversation Schedule

6:00 pm: Kickoff, serve dinner and introduction.

Explain research and goals for evening – YSO Adult Leader and Council Research Leader

6:15 pm: 15 minutes Kahoot Quiz – Research team member

6:30: Activity, “Most Important Takeaways” - Research team member

A. Divide youth into groups of four. Give each group a big sticky paper and pens. “This is an activity for you to share what the most important findings are for the youth & parks study” (Chance to introduce the vocabulary findings in research)

B. Choose a topic:

Big thoughts – What do you want to say about the research activities and how would you answer the research questions: What new things did you think about because of your park day? Why is the park important to you? How do you feel in nature? What do you like to do there?

Big recommendations – Imagine that you have been nominated to give advice to the park system on behalf of youth in the Twin Cities. Write down your top 3-5 recommendations to deliver to the advisory committee?

Invitation – Think about the park you visited. What would an invitation to that park look like? What would your tagline, motto or brand be? Get creative!

C. Each group presents ideas

D. Ask youth for closing comments. What do they notice? How would they summarize the findings of the activity?

7:00 Evaluating the research team’s findings. Agree/disagree activity.

Research team member leads the activity

A. Put up sticky pages with the five biggest “findings” written, one on each one. Distribute sticky notes.

B. Chose the two most important topics. Do you agree or disagree with the finding? Use green for agree and aqua for disagree. Write one sentence about why you agree/disagree and put it on the sticky pad

C. Which themes were youth most interested in? What should we summarize as the “finding”?

7:30 Presentation of certificates – Research Team and YSO Leaders