

## Community Building Circles

### 1. Opening (How will you open this circle? A poem, quote, song, breathing, story, etc.)

Have students close their eyes and think about what they did during their two week break.

### 2. Guidelines and Values (What questions will you ask to create shared guidelines & values?)

Review the shared guidelines and values.

### 3. Talking Piece (What objects are you using and why?)

Bring a talking piece that represents some aspect of your vacation.

### 4. Check In (How will you invite participants to describe how they are feeling?)

From 1 – 10, how did you feel about coming back to school? Just say the number. 10 = really excited, I couldn't wait to come back. 1 = I really didn't want to come back. (If time permits, do an extra round and have students explain their number.)

### 5. Discussion Round (What needs to be addressed in circle? What questions will you ask?)

Describe one positive experience you had during vacation. If you can't think of something positive, what is one thing you would have changed about your vacation?

### 6. Check Out (How will you ask participants how they are feeling at the end of circle?)

Why do students get bored during vacation?

### 7. Closing (How will you close the circle?)

Going around in a circle, say the name of the person on your left. (How fast can you get all the way around?)