

Sample Opening Ritual

Navigator: " All members young and old of the _____ Circle will now come to the Circle."

Junior Host: (Beat the Circle drum once for each parent and child member present)

Navigator: "We give thanks for this home and the _____(hosts) who have shared it with us tonight."

Members: "We give thanks!"

Navigator: "_____(Junior Host) will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Junior Host: (Leads Pledge.)

Navigator: "Members, what is the purpose of the _____ Circle?"

Members: "To foster companionship of parent and child"

Navigator: "What are the aims of the _____ Circle?"

Members: "To be clean in body and pure in heart.

To be friends forever with my dad/mom/son/daughter.

To love the sacred circle of my family.

To listen while others speak.

To love my neighbor as my self.

To respect the traditions and beliefs of all people.

To seek and preserve the beauty of our Creator's work in forest, field, and stream."

Navigator: "May this night be a blessing to all who are with us and those who are not be kept safe as" (or other short prayer).

Example 2 (Requires a Circle Candle)

Navigator: "All members young and old of the _____ Circle will now come to the Circle."

Treasure Keeper:

As we gather tonight, we recognize the treasure that each brings to the Circle and light our Circle candle to signify our unity and

friendship."

Navigator: "_____(Junior Host) will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Junior Host: (Leads Pledge.)

Navigator: "Who would like to recite the first aim of ____ Circle?"

(Calls on young member to recite the first aim and continues through all seven aims, being sure to give each young member an opportunity to speak.)

Sample Closing Rituals

Navigator: "All members young and old of the _____ Circle will now return to the Circle for our closing." (The Navigator may offer some very brief words of reminder and thanks) Members: (Recite closing prayer, blessing, poem, or thought. Some examples are included here)

- I. "Great Creator of the Universe, guide us until we meet again." (start with arms and faces upraised and lower as the prayer is recited until arms are joined in circle)
- II. "And now (Pointing to the ground) May our Great father in Heaven (arms raised with hands drawing small circles) Be with you (pointing to other members of the circle) For today (pointing to the ground) and forevermore (shooting an arrow into the sky)
- III. "We honor our families (arms around shoulder of parent or child) Our friends of today (arms around shoulders in the circle) Our many tomorrows together (arms upraised) Under God's guidance and direction" (arms lowered)