

## SYEC FOCUS GROUP PROTOCOL

### PRE-MEETING CHECKLIST

- Mini-cassette recorder, fresh tapes, fresh batteries
- A map and schedule of sites to visit that day
- 1 script copy per site to be visited to be written on by note taker

### INTRODUCTION

- *Hi! (morning, evening), my name is (Moderator's name). I work at (organization). Working with me today is \_\_\_\_\_ who will be helping out with the focus group.*
- *How many of you have participated in a focus group? What was it?*
- *When people get together like this it's called a focus group because it focuses on one topic or a few related topics.*
- *In our focus group, we are going to ask you questions about your experience in the ecology corps. and how participating has affected you.*
- *We are going to use this information to “tell the story” of the Ecology Corps, and help make it better in the future.*

### GROUND RULES

- *You don't have to answer any questions that you don't want to.*
- *If we say anything that doesn't make sense, please tell us.*
- *Don't interrupt anyone else in the group*
- *Feel free to tell us anything you feel is important that we don't ask questions about.*

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Original Question</u>	<u>Interview Questions</u>	<u>Prompts</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<b>Check-in</b>	• Why did you join?	• How is it going?	\$\$\$ , experience, location, relationships	
	• Is SYEC meeting youth expectation?			
<b>Community</b>	• What are you doing (plan to do) with your money?	• Same	Saving, buying (what?), contributing to family expenses, supporting self	
<b>Future: Goals and Preparation</b>	• Has SYEC changed your career goals, ed goals, and vision of self?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you see yourself doing <b>this fall?</b> in 5 yrs?</li> <li>• Was this vision of yourself different before working in the ecology corps? How?</li> <li>• <b>Have you taken the (Kuder) career assessment? If so - what did you find out about yourself?</b></li> </ul>	<b>High School</b> , College, trade school, career, military, starting a family, etc.	
<b>Feedback</b>	• Do the youth like the program?	• Would you recommend the corps to a friend?		