

Activity: *Welcome & Farewell Ceremony*

Purpose

Welcome Ceremony: Your presence in a community is very honorable and locals will want to celebrate your arrival and introduce themselves.

Farewell Ceremony: The farewell ceremony marks the close of your service in the community and serves as a celebration and testament to the transformation in the community and your team.

Goal

Create relationships by providing an opening and closing celebration time for a team entering and exiting the community they serve.



How It Works

- You will be greeted by the Leadership Council (LC) when you arrive in the community.
- This time will typically include dancing and singing from members in the community. You will be invited to join in on the fun!
- You will be welcomed to join for the week as a guest in the community.
- At the welcome ceremony, team members should be prepared to introduce themselves and share their excitement and desires for wanting to come to the community.
- At the farewell ceremony, a team member should be prepared to say a word of encouragement to the community, share a strength your team saw in the community, and do a closing prayer.

Things To Remember

These vibrant ceremonies are meant to be uplifting and fun. Don't fret about looking silly, enjoy the moment, dance, laugh, and love!