

THE CREATIVITY SESSION TIM MOORE, SEATTLE

All of us from Seattle were painfully optimistic before our trip to Florida. And why wouldn't we be? We had it all figured out. Our creativity session? Done. The skit? Golden. Discussion quotes already picked and the icebreaker game couldn't lose. (We expected) the people there would love us and everything would just come to us.

But when we arrived at the Florida Nature and Culture Center, the optimism faded into desperation. Two hours before our presentation, things started to fall apart. Some of us weren't ready for the skit, we had no room for the icebreaker and we even had to cut out our golden skit because time was short. But we couldn't give up. We wouldn't give up. We had to make this session a success. We decided that we had to fight and succeed in the end. We gave a good presentation full of quotations, opinions and humor, which really opened up the crowd. We even got to do the skit, which really got the crowd going.

In the end, we succeeded in opening the conference with a bang. The rest of the activities at the FNCC would benefit from the echo of our first performance. Through the performance, the members from the Seattle and Tacoma areas grew closer and matured. Some of us even chanted outside for two hours straight, with no sleep at all the night before.

The talent show was another hectic event. Once again, time was short, so we had to eliminate the extra things we were going to insert between acts. Although the talent show ran about 45 minutes over time and I missed dinner, the show made up for it. The talents were incredible, varying from playing the ukulele to reciting a poem. At the end, I was amazed at the talent that lay hidden within us.

Everybody enjoyed the talent show and it was a great success. It was a harder experience than any of us could have imagined, but that's how all things should be. It builds character. We became stronger members. I think we became better people, ready for the challenges that the 21st century would present to us. (Note to the future: Bring it on!)