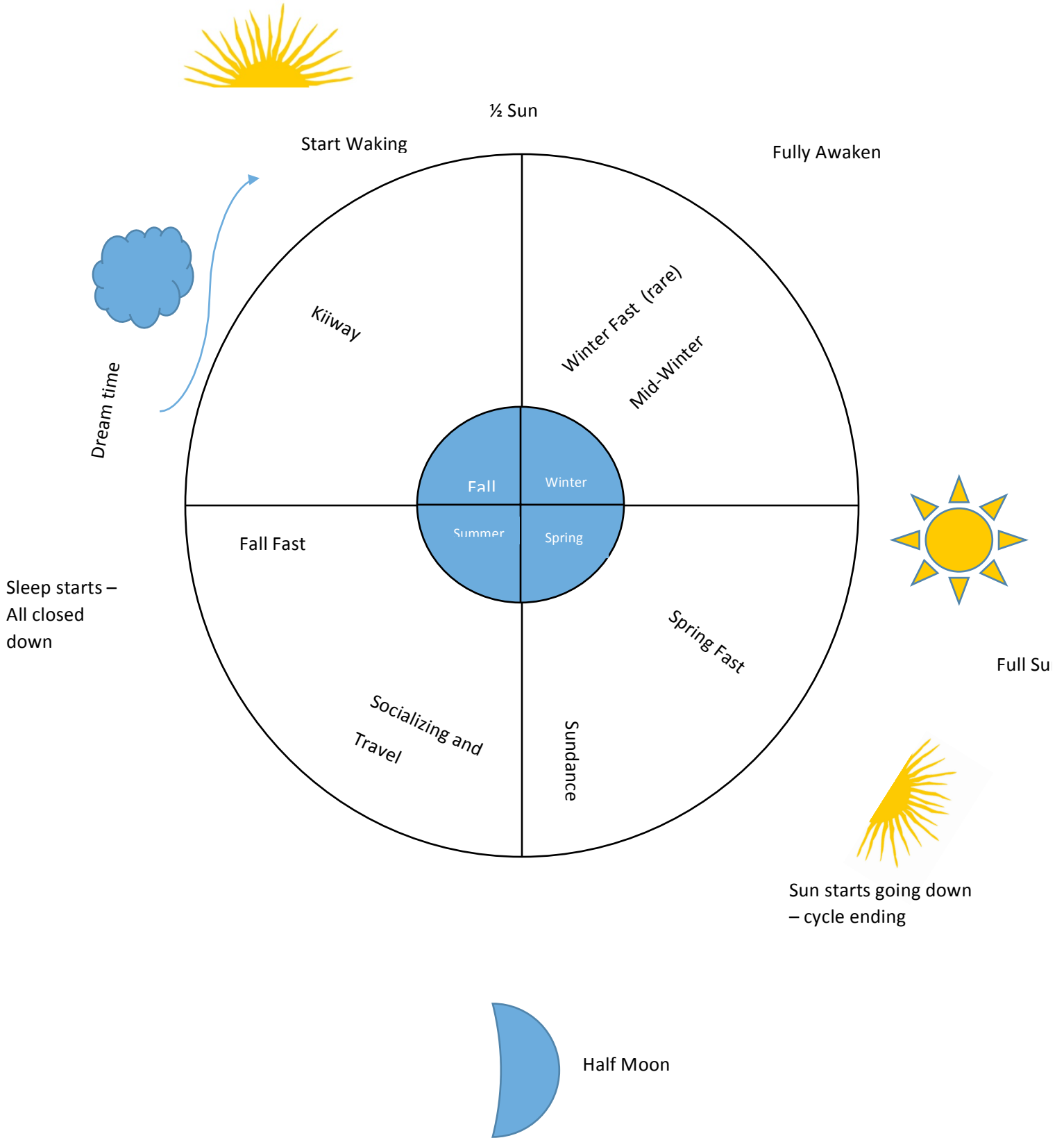


Ceremonies/Time



Ceremonies – Diagram Notes

- Time cycle (awakening, sleeping) applies to all of creation and is same cycle for a day, a month, and a year. Turtle moves according to natural cycle, ceremonies are done according to the moons.
- Medicine Cycle = 9 days, same as ceremony
- Healing = 28 days
- Kiiway = end of paddling season, gather bones for fire/sending home
- At end of one season and beginning of next – Look back and bring forward at cross-over time.
- Mid-winter was easy travelling, time to visit and bring food. Also waking of bear and time to share what ever you have left from year before.
- Women's Cycle – every month women purify – flower. Natural calendar of moons doesn't match the square calendar. Any given year can be 21 days off.
- Easter follows natural cycle – first Sunday after 3rd full moon following Christmas.
- 13th moon can be anywhere in the annual cycle
- Life Cycle = welcome and cedar bath at birth, naming ceremony, walking out ceremony, vision quest or berry fast,
- All seasons require time out on land. Little boys stay with Mom until 9-12 years, then are mentored by father