



sports camp

Attraction

This is a week-long, multi-sport “day camp” in which expertise is offered and sports equipment is given away. Sports attract all segments of life, especially children. And parents are seeking activities for their children in the summer.

Bridge

This is a very relational event that creates an environment in which it is easy to share the gospel. Sports are the ultimate barrier-buster.

Communicating the Gospel

Each day there should be a devotional led by a different speaker who shares his or her faith. The gospel is also shared during the Sunday morning service, which is an awards service in which the participants receive their gear.

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Event-Specific Preparation

- This free event is not for children of church members. This is important—you don’t want to fill up an “evangelistic” camp with saved kids.
- The target group is children who live in the projects, where day care needs are great and financial resources are low.
- The church transports kids to and from their homes.
- Local coaching and athletic “talent” is utilized for special instruction as available.
- Each child receives sports equipment, a camp shirt, a sports themed New Testament, and quality instruction.
- Begin soliciting equipment from various businesses nine months before the event.
- Be careful to have all liability forms filled out by parents.
- Open the camp to kids in the following order: underprivileged children; other community children; children in the church.
- If your organizational team is sound, well-networked and thorough, this will not have to be a high-budget event!

Enlist, equip, and mobilize the following ministry teams. Refer to the Ministry Team Preparation section of the manual for instructions on how the teams will function.

- Counseling/Follow-up Team
- Spiritual Preparation Team
- Promotion Team
- Effective Prayerwalking
- Creative/Worship Team
- Logistics Team
- Budget Preparation