

## **GENERAL FAQs**

### **What is Crossover?**

Crossover is an annual evangelistic effort hosted by the North American Mission Board (NAMB) in conjunction with state, associational and local church partners. [Read about the legacy of Crossover.](#)

### **Where is Crossover?**

Crossover is held annually in the host city of the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) Annual Meeting.

### **When is Crossover?**

Crossover occurs on the weekend leading up to the SBC Annual Meeting.

### **How long is Crossover?**

Crossover typically occurs over two days, the Saturday and Sunday of the week prior to the SBC Annual Meeting. However, some churches plan weeklong events that can start as early as the Monday prior to the meeting.

### **How does Crossover work?**

Churches in the SBC Annual Meeting host city will have an outreach on Saturday and/or a Harvest Day on Sunday. Some churches will actually have a weeklong outreach event (Mon-Fri). Host churches, especially new church plants, rely on outside volunteers to execute their events. Both individuals and groups interested in serving at Crossover can sign up to help host churches carry out their event(s).

## **HOST A CROSSOVER EVENT FAQ**

### **When is the deadline to sign up?**

Registration for churches to host an outreach event and/or Harvest Day will remain open until Crossover ends. Please consider the late winter deadline for volunteer requests and grant requests.

### **What are some ideas for outreach events?**

The most common types of outreach events that we see from churches include block parties, sports clinics, sports tournaments, family fun festivals, VBS, kids club, backyard Bible clubs, etc. For a more detailed list of options, check out *30 Evangelistic Ideas*.

### **What is a Harvest Day?**

A Harvest Day consists of a quality and effective Sunday morning service to reach the lost. The goal is for lost people to come forward for professions of faith and to follow up with baptism.

### **Will you provide training, resources, etc., to help host churches prepare for their event(s)?**

We provide training and resources to help churches plan and execute effective events. When you sign up to host an event, you will be notified of training opportunities.

### **Will you provide volunteers to help churches with their event(s)?**

We cannot guarantee volunteers, but we work hard to help churches secure volunteers. Churches needing volunteers must submit a volunteer request form before the deadline. A representative from the church requesting volunteers must also attend our training session.

### **Will you provide funding to help host churches with their event(s)?**

Churches needing additional funding to cover the cost of their event(s) can apply for a grant. Grant requests must meet specific criteria and be submitted before the deadline or the funds run out, whichever comes first. A representative from the church requesting the grant must also attend our training session.

### **Can we host our event on a different date and still participate in Crossover?**

Your church event must coincide with Crossover. We report the results during the SBC Annual Meeting, typically a day or so following Crossover. If your event occurs within a week before the start of the SBC Annual Meeting, we can include the results as part of the report presented at the SBC Annual Meeting.

## **SERVE A CROSSOVER EVENT FAQ**

### **What is the cost per person?**

There is no cost to volunteer.

### **When is the deadline to sign up?**

When you register to serve, you will receive information on when you will be able to choose a specific host church event. That sign-up opportunity will remain open until we reach maximum capacity, filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Is there an age requirement?**

In general, there is no age requirement to serve during Crossover. Adults (at least 21 years old) must accompany minors. Some host churches may have an age requirement due to the nature of their event. The event description for each host church will include this information.

**What transportation is available?**

You will be responsible for your transportation.

**If I'm traveling from out of town, where can I stay?**

We are unable to provide lodging. However, some host churches do house volunteers. You can check with the host church where you will serve to plan accordingly.

**Are meals included?**

You will need to plan for your meals. Some host churches do feed their volunteers lunch in addition to their guests. Check with your host church to plan accordingly.

**What types of outreach events will we be doing?**

Block parties, sports clinics, sports tournaments, family fun festivals, VBS, kids club, backyard Bible clubs, etc.

**What should I bring?**

Check out the *Crossover Packing List* for a more detailed list of items to bring.

Some include:

- Closed-toe shoes (e.g., sneakers)
- Lightweight shirts (e.g., T-shirts)
- Comfortable pants/shorts
- Bedding and toiletries (if applicable)