

A Send Relief Serve Tour Experience

# SPORTS CAMP Coordinator Training Packet

An evangelistic event that will impact your community and help your church fulfill the great commission.

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## THE BIG PICTURE

## The Sports Camp Vision

A church event that brings children, youth and adults together in a central location using sports as the stage upon which the Gospel will be presented, and the church will be introduced to the local community.

## **EVENT CHECKLIST**

## Step 1

(3+ months ahead)

- a. Pray with a Purpose
- b. Pick a Site Director
- c. Plan Your Times
- Your Event Time
- Volunteer Training Dates
- Attend a May 9 or 10 Training (for host pastors and coordinators only)
- d. Decide on your Budget

## Step 2

(2+ months ahead)

#### a. Gather Church Volunteers

- Use a Sign-up Sheet w/deadline
- Remind of Meetings

### b. Train & Prepare Your Volunteers

- Specific Team Training
- Evangelism Training
- Child Protection Training

#### c. Promote Your Event

- Plan an Advertising Schedule
- Turn in Forms for a Financial Grant from CSBC by APRIL 29th

## Step 3

(1+ months ahead)

#### a. Continue to Pray for People

- b. Invite and Bring People
- c. Reach Your Community with the Gospel at Sports Camp and follow up

# HOW DO I HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SPORTS CAMP?

## Step 1

(3+ months ahead)

#### A. PRAY WITH A PURPOSE

Pray as a congregation and determine if this event is God's will for the community to be reached. Start praying 3-6 months ahead with the congregation for a coordinator, a bible team and workers of the church.

#### **B. PICK A SITE DIRECTOR**

Choose a coordinator who will lead with good organizational skills and a willingness to adapt to changing situations when the week of camp arrives.

#### C. PLAN YOUR TIMES

Morning, afternoon or evening Sports Camps are 2-3 hour events. Realize that 1-day Camp needs more advertisement leading up to the event.

#### D. PLAN YOUR BUDGET

Create a budget for your event. Addtional financial resources are available from the CSBC to all churches who have given to the CP within the past 12 months. (Apply at: tinyurl.com/crossover2022)

## Step 2

(2+ months ahead)

#### A. GATHER CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Find volunteer adults from the church congregation who are able to lead these sports or games as well as be able to tell about their salvation experience. Sports Camp events tap into the abilities and talents of your entire congregation and thus involve all members in the event. Regardless of age, everyone plays a part in the completion of the Sports Camp. From registration to sports activities, as well as homemade cookies and refreshments there is a task for every willing worker.

#### **B. TRAIN & PREPARE YOUR VOLUNTEERS**

Be sure that all volunteers complete the required training before Sports Camp, which involves Specific Team training, Child Protection training, and How to Share the Gospel training. (Resources: tinyurl.com/crossover2022)

#### C. PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

Create an advertising schedule of how often you will remind people and decide what forms of publicity to use starting 3-4 weeks before the event. Signs, banners, posters, digital media, social media, bulletin inserts, radio, newspaper, and especially handing out flyers by everyone in the church. 1-3 days prior to the event, have church attendees go door-to-door passing out several hundred flyers to every home in the target area and personally placed in the hands of the people who live there. This personal invitation is the best way to reach your community. The better you advertise, the more likely your Sports Camp will draw kids, youth and families to present the Gospel to your community in greater number.

## Step 3

(1+ months ahead)

#### A. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE

Expect God to work and respond positively when He does!! Spend time in your meetings and during your church services praying for God to send children, teenagers, and adults to your Sports Camp event and hear the gospel. Pray that God will spiritually and physically protect every person, and strengthen the church as you obediently practice the Great Commission.

#### **B. INVITE AND BRING PEOPLE**

Make arrangements to invite your neighbors, your family and others to this Sports Camp and offer them a ride or a way to help them easily come and be welcome. Children are great inviters.

#### C. REACH YOUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

The purpose is Evangelism (not Sports) — However, the word "sports" is important in reaching unchurched kids and families in our culture. A Sports Camp will work well with any sized Church and community, but works especially well with the smaller membership Church in a city or rural town.



# COORDINATOR & VOLUNTEER PLANNING

Info for coordinators that will help volunteers win at every step along the way

# COORDINATOR

#### A. CHOOSE DATES FOR TRAINING THE VOLUNTEERS

Be sure everyone goes through 1) Volunteer Team Training 2) How to Share the Gospel, and 3) Child Protection Training.

#### **B. CHOOSE 3-4 SPORTS OR GAMES**

Choose sports that your team is familiar with that will be great, fun, and are easy to play during 20-30 minute segments.

#### C. CHOOSE 3-5 SPORTS LEADERS

These leaders will pray for each group for protection and salvation and will be able to share a short 1-2 minute salvation testimony before the activity.

#### D. CREATE AGE-BASED TEAMS

Small Teams of 10-20 will rotate from station to station with their leaders.

#### **E. PREPARE REGISTRATION**

Have all workers and students register with "stick-on" name tags. Gather contact information: name, number, and address.

#### F. MAKE REFRESHMENTS & WATER STATIONS A PRIORITY

Refreshments must be simple, quick and able to be carried to the next event because kids will want to be involved in their next sport or game. Keep all attendees hydrated with water.

#### G. INCLUDE AN EVANGELISTIC BIBLE STUDY ROTATION

This should be in a comfortable and undisturbed location. Have assistants and decision packets available for those that make a salvation commitment.

# A LIST OF POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER TEAMS

#### 1. ADVERTISING TEAM

Creates and gives out promotional material

#### 2. REGISTRATION TEAM

1-2 hours registers students for follow up

#### 3. PRAYER AND SAFETY TEAM

Prays for the event. Handles the First-aid kit, medical needs, and child safety awareness

#### 4. TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Picks up children and teens in the neighborhood

#### **5. REFRESHMENT TEAM**

Hands out Snacks and Water/Sports Drinks

#### 6. FACILITIES TEAM

Sets up & tears down sports areas, registration area, Drink station, and Bible study area

#### 7. FIELD OR COURT SPORTS LEADERS

Field example: Kickball, Wiffle ball, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, 4-Way-Tug-of-War, and Flag Football

Court example: Basketball, Street Hockey, Volleyball, Smashball

#### 8. TEAM COACHES

Leads small groups of students. (PreK-Kindergarten / 1st-2nd Grade 3rd-4th Grade / 5th-6th Grade / 7th-9th Grade / 11th-12th Grade)

#### 9. BIBLE STUDY TEAMS

Presents the Gospel in a simple, engaging way. (PreK-Kindergarten / 1st-6th Grade / 7th-12th Grade)

# TEAM SUCCESS

\*NOTE: All volunteers should be prepared to share a 2-minute salvation testimony with every person they encounter

#### 1. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING TEAM

- This is usually completed in Step 1 & 2 by a team or individual
- Decide what kind of advertising you will use and create a budget.
- Create an advertising schedule how often will you remind people?
   RESOURCES: tinyurl.com/crossover2022

#### 2. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION TEAM

- Decide what contact information you will collect for follow up.
- Decide how and when you will collect this information
- Consider specific information such as food allergies, emergency contacts, and other special considerations.

#### 3. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER AND SAFETY TEAM

- Pray before and during the event for physical and spiritual safety.
- Refer to the the Covid & Child Protection Training Page

#### 4. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSPORTATION TEAM

- Consider the child safety protocols of your church
- Be sure any vehicles are properly insured and in good order
- Be sure responsible drivers are chosen and follow all traffic laws

#### 5. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REFRESHMENTS TEAM

- Discuss your budget with the Site Director or appropriate leader.
- Consider refreshments that are simple to eat and drink on the go.
- Snacks are important right after the Bible Study.
- Consider common food allergies

#### 6. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL FACILITY TEAM

- Set Up before Sports Camp approximately 30 minutes before registration
- Make sure restrooms are accessible & marked for all attendees.
- Set up Registration area, Sports areas, and Water/Sports Drink station.
- Have the Bible Study room in an undistracted area for the teachers.

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#### HOW TO HAVE VOLUNTEER

#### **TEAM SUCCESS**

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#### 7. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SPORTS LEADERS

- Choose leaders that know the game well
- Choose leaders that are engaging, loud, and can lead a crowd

#### 8. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL TEAM COACHES

- Choose leaders that are encouraging
- Choose leaders that are able to share their testimony clearly
- Choose leaders that will be aware of physical, emotional, and spiritual needs

#### 9. HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BIBLE STUDY TEAM

- Remember, the Purpose for Sports Camp is to present the Gospel.
- Committed teachers who will prayerfully prepare.
- A lesson plan that introduces the plan of salvation and offers an understandable and open invitation for students to receive Christ Jesus (RESOURCES: tinyurl.com/crossover2022)
- Prayer partners who will pray during the Bible study and be prepared to counsel with those who are willing to receive Jesus as their personal Savior.
- A team of follow up workers who will make visits during the subsequent weeks to help move new believers into the fellowship of believers.



# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION IDEAS

Resources to prepare the whole team to reach your community with the Gospel

# WORKSHEET TO SHARE MY TESTIMONY

This will help you share your testimony personally, quickly, and clearly with others. Share your life before and after you became a follower of Jesus. The most important part of your testimony is "how Jesus saved you." This lets the hearer understand how they too can receive Jesus. Try to avoid churchy words and make it your story. Always remember, your story is worth just as much as anyone else's because Jesus is the main character in your story!

MY LIFE BEFORE I MADE A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS:
HOW I CAME TO KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY: (AGE, TIME, PLACE, SPECIFICALLY WHAT I DID, ETC.)
HOW HAS MY LIFE CHANGED SINCE I CAME TO KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY:

# PREPARE MY HEART

Personal spiritual preparation is essential to your usefulness. Consider reading these passages in the days leading up to your outreach.

#### JUNE 6: CONFESS YOUR SIN AND ABIDE IN CHRIST

It is very difficult to be useful with unconfessed sin in our life. Jesus calls us to first be in Him and He in us if we are to be fruitful.

Read Prov. 28:13, 1 John 1:8-9, and John 15:5

#### JUNE 7: PREPARE TO SHARE JESUS

We must be ready to share Jesus with those that attend our outreach event. Be encouraged by what these verses say about our Savior.

Read Acts 1:8, John 14:6, Acts 17:2-3, and Acts 4:10-12

#### JUNE 8: KNOW THE GOAL

What does this Bible verse tell us our goal is as Christians?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

#### JUNE 9: BE READY FOR THE ENEMY

There is a spiritual enemy that does not want us to win. Read this passage slowly and put on the spiritual armor along the way.

Read Ephesians 6:10-18

#### JUNE 10: GO AND LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST TOMORROW

Are you ready to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Read these verses and make them tools in your Gospel presentation.

Read John 3:16-18, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13, John 1:12, Acts 3:19



# ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS & PROTOCOLS

Tools and sample forms to help the Coordinator lead well

# THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### COVID PROTOCOL

- Mask wearing & getting vaccinated is an individual choice
- Wash hands and/or sanitize often
- Respect people's personals pace
- If you are not feeling well, please avoid being around others
- Don't judge, shame, or look down on another's choices

#### CHILD PROTECTION PROTOCOL

- Keep eyes on all children during the full duration of the event
- Be aware of any suspicious behavior from a child or any adult attending the event
- If a child informs you of any issues of abuse, please connect with your Sports Camp Coordinator or Pastor IMMEDIATELY
- Avoid being alone with a minor at all times
- Try to practice appropriate greetings and kinds of affection with minors
- Help keep children & teens in their age group throughout the duration of the event
- Be sure to reference the Child Protection Training Material provided by NAMB

# SCHEDULE

#### **KEEP A FAST-PACE FROM START TO FINISH**

- Enlist a Time-Keeper that will help keep the rotation schedule on time
- Have the time-keeper and Bible Study leader synchronize their clocks.
- Consider using a whistle or music to direct when the Sports Leaders and Team Coaches rotate their age groups.

TOTAL TIME: 6:00-8:30pm	1st-2nd Grade	3rd-4th Grade	5th-6th Grade	YOUTH	
6:00-6:30 pm	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	
	REMINDER: Keep someone at registration for the next 30 minutes to an hour.				
6:30-6:55 pm	Sport A	Bible Study+Snack	Sport B	Sport C	
5 min transition	REMINDER: Time-keeper blows a whistle and directs all age groups with their Team Leaders to their first rotation. Only 5 minute is allotted for transitions.				
7:00-7:25 pm	Sports C	Sports A	Bible Study+Snack	Sports B	
5 min transition	REMINDER: Every Sports Leader prays with each group and someone shares a 1-2 minute testimony before the sport begins.				
7:30-7:55 pm	Sports B	Sports C	Sports A	Bible Study+Snack	
5 min transition	REMINDER: Refreshments are important right after the Bible Study and are to be kept simple.				
8:00-8:25 pm	Bible Study+Snack	Sports B	Sports C	Sports A	
	REMINDER: Finish with closing announcements and prayer. Be sure that younger children return to one location for check-out with their guardians				

# CROSSOVER PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANT'S FULL NAME					
GRADE (GOING INTO)					
PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME:					
PARENT / GUARDIAN PHONE:					
PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL:					
ADDRESS:					
CITY		STATE	ZIP:		
EMERGENCY CONTACT #					
ANY ALLERGIES:					
ADDITIONAL NAME OF PERSONS WHO CAN PICK-UP CHILD:					
(Initial) I, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that participation in this event involves the risk of injury or exposure to any infection while doing physical activity with groups of people. I further acknowledge that this event is primarily administered by volunteers. I hereby release the event staff, its sponsoring organizations, and other representatives from any claims arising out of or related to any physical injury or infection that may occur to the said individuals while participating in this event.					
Parent / Guardian Si	ignature	D	ate		

#### **SPORTS CAMP VOLUNTEER**

## SIGN UP SHEET

(CHECK 1)

NAME:
ADVERTISING TEAM Creates and gives out promotional material
REGISTRATION TEAM 1-2 hours registers students for follow up
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#### **CROSSOVER VOLUNTEER**

## **CHECKLIST**

Signed Up for a Volunteer Team
Marked my calendar for Volunteer Meetings
Began to Pray for children, youth and adults to attend
Began to Pray for my church leaders and all volunteers
Invited other children, youth and adults from the community
2. SHOW UP
2. SHOW UP Attended my Specific Team Training Meeting
Attended my Specific Team Training Meeting
Attended my Specific Team Training Meeting Completed the Testimony Worksheet

1. SIGN UP

3. SHARE THE GOSPEL

# I am prepared to pray with others and lead by example I am prepared to share a 1-2 minute Testimony of my salvation experience I am ready to encourage all to trust in Jesus as Lord I am ready to help out with following up with children, youth or adults

#### **CROSSOVER VOLUNTEER**

### COMMITMENT

(SIGN BEFORE SERVING)

## Please prayerfully consider the following commitments while serving as a volunteer

Representing our Lord Jesus Christ through our ministry should be the goal of every believer. Your integrity and character, your lifestyle, your relationship with others and with Jesus Christ are important when serving others in our Church and community.

- 1. I will Spiritually Prepare for serving as a Volunteer. I commit to seeking a daily, growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 2. I will attend the Volunteer Training Meetings (TBA)
- 3. I will attend the Child Protection Training Seminar (TBA)
- 4. I will represent Jesus Christ and the Church with my physical appearance so that it will be appropriate and not distracting to others.
- 5. I will represent Jesus Christ and the Church with my speech and attitude while serving during the event and participate fully as a volunteer.
- 6. I will abstain from any habitual act that would hinder one's testimony for Jesus Christ and for the Church.

Volunteer Signature	Date