

2023 VBS TRAINING

Monday, April 24, 2023

VISION, VOLUNTEERS, & BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

WHY DOES YOUR CHURCH DO VBS?

Based on your “why,” what are some measurable goals you can set to revisit as you plan?

SOME DECISIONS TO MAKE BEFORE YOU GET TOO DEEP INTO PLANNING:

curriculum, date, time, ages served, registration logistics, facility use, how to group kids, nightly schedule, other ministries that need to be involved

VOLUNTEERS:

- Make a list of ALL volunteers you'll need.
- Create brief job descriptions for each role.

HOW WILL THEY SIGN UP?

- Screen each volunteer in the same manner (application, references, interview, background check)
- Set up a volunteer table in the foyer with volunteer roles needed, training dates, paperwork to complete, etc.
- Personally ask people based on their skills and talents.
- Don't invite them to a ride on the Titanic! Share vision and goals and spread enthusiasm!
- Once you have your lead volunteers, ask them to find at least two more volunteers.
- Have training dates set. Have an initial interest meeting, then have another meeting just before VBS. Make sure any and all meetings are full of fun!

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

- curriculum
- decorations
- crafts, snacks, game supplies
- publicity/promo (banners, flyers, postcards, Facebook ads, etc.)
- t-shirts (leaders and/or kids)
- prizes and giveaways

WAYS TO ADD TO YOUR BUDGET/OFFSET COSTS:

- Break up supply/snack lists into 4-5 items and have congregation take a list and donate supplies/snacks (make sure you keep track of who donates to thank them.)
- Create a “Sign-up Genius” (signupgenius.com) for supplies/snacks needed.
- Ask for donations of gift cards to Amazon or the grocery store.
- Adopt-a-Student: determine the cost per child to have VBS (\$10-\$15) and ask congregation to adopt/sponsor a kid to attend VBS.