

Youth Venture for Christ program

Goal: To put on a bible school program and receive leadership training.

Ages: High School

Numbers: approximately 20ish

Requirements: Attend weekly prayer/testimony services, Sunday services, three huddles (retreats), complete two sets of essay questions to the satisfaction of the leader in charge, handed out at each of the first two huddles to be returned at the next huddle. (Attend 3/4 huddles if emergency or family requires)

Staff: Need men of the priesthood (minimum three) and women to meet the needs of the venturer's; Maybe a 1 to 5 ratio. (A weathered-man of the priesthood on staff would be ideal)

Staff needs include:

- From all: Positive attitude, positive counsel & guidance, encouraging, joyful, willing service
- Leader in charge of the Essay home-assignments, collection and grading
- Music instructor
- Housing coordinator for huddles
- Coordinator for tracting
- Coordinator for home visits
- Class instructors in preparation for the summer Bible School
- Sunday morning worship service planner – Venturer's in charge of 11am worship
- Activities coordinator for downtime etc
- A Pastor

HUDDLES:

They are weekend-long focused classes and activities focused on molding the youth into Bible School leaders/teachers and beyond.

FOCUS:

- A time to build knowledge and understanding of the Restoration work

- A time to get them out of their comfort zone through interactive activities with each other, community and the congregation.
- A time to form groups and begin planning various instructional and fun activities for the children's Bible School.
- A time for fun-interaction with each other. This must not be over programmed and become daunting for the venturer's, but not under-programmed either. There needs to be some down-time or break-time.

HOUSING:

Venturer's and leaders will need housing in the homes of the congregation's members:

- They should be housed by two's (minimum) beyond that could be an adult leader. Pairing venturer's for this should be random. They need separation from their cliques from time-to-time to build other relationships and group unity.
- They should be instructed on how to act appropriately, respectfully and graciously in a host home
- They should be instructed to begin conversations with their hosts.

WEEKEND PROGRAM SNAPSHOT:

Friday night

- Venturer's arrive 6-7pm and receive home assignments, have prayer, maybe a mixer/sing, receive a focusing message/instruction/reminders/first set essay-questions assignment (due at next huddle), and head to host house for visiting.

Saturday

- Arrive maybe 8 am
- Worship
- *Things to plan for during Huddles: food for lunch and dinner, a couple of classes, tracting by two's (walk local neighborhoods handing out tracts and inviting them to church – drop-off/pick-up by vans), home-visiting 1-hour max (for both active and in-active members), return and share-out experiences (question/answer period), Music practice, prepare Venturers for Sunday service, brainstorm ideas for Bible School classes in designated groups, return to host home around 8 pm or so for a visit

Sunday

- Arrive maybe 8 am
- Practice singing
- Prepare for service consisting of prayers, readings, testimonies, duets, ministry of musical instruments, offertory message, collect offering, mini-sermon (if a venturer is a priesthood member or perhaps a leader that is a priesthood member)
- Venturers may attend Sunday school or may be practicing/preparing during this time.

Week-long Bible School Trip

Monday-Friday:

2-5 venturer's for each grade level

2-3 venturer's for recreation

Music director

Evenings provide some time to prep for next day

1-2 nights for home visiting

1-day for tracting to invite neighborhood kids

Saturday recreation for the venturer's (beach, waterpark, etc)

Sunday

Venturer's put on the Sunday worship service

1-2 venturer's teach adult Sunday school class

Potluck