GO CLUBS

Host Home Responsibilities

1. Distribute flyers and invite neighbors to the GO VBS at your home. This is the most important and sometimes the hardest part of being a Host Home.

2. Follow up with neighbors and re-invite them to your VBS. We hope to have approximately 15 kids at each VBS.

3. Provide snacks and drinks for kids at your VBS. Some suggestions are popsicles, oranges quarters, crackers or cookies. Lemonade or Kool-Aid are appropriate for drinks. We also recommend you have water available.

4. Provide these items each day: garden hose, extension cord, sound system (larger than boom box, if possible), table for sign & skits, cups and napkins for snacks (if needed). p.s. two hoses helps a lot.

5. Take photos of our club all week. E-mail your best 10-15 photos to William Robinson at William@fcctoday.com by 1:00 pm on Thursday.

6. Be prepared to greet guests in your front yard 15 minutes before the club's starting time. Visit with neighbors and build those relationships. Ask each child/parent to sign-in on the attendance sheet. (We will provide that for you.)

7. When the VBS Team arrives, they will immediately begin the VBS.

8. We strongly discourage "bathroom breaks," however, if necessary, we may ask to let a child use the bathroom in your home.

9. During snack time, our team members will distribute the snack. Any help preparing snack is appreciated, but let the team do as much as possible when serving it.

10. Approximately 5-10 minutes before the VBS is scheduled to end, please be available to help dismiss children. Our teams will need to leave promptly at the VBS ending time in order to go to another location and stay on schedule. There may also be papers/materials for you to hand out. We ask that you stay in the front yard until all children have been dismissed.

11. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact Pastor Sara immediately.

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Other Info

RAIN POLICY

Your GO VBS Team will ALWAYS come to your home at VBS time. Weather situations will be evaluated at that time and a decision will be made by the Host, Adult Leader, and Captain.

PLEASE PRAY!!!

- Your neighborhood and relationships
- Our team leaders…their ability to lead, teach, and encourage
- Our team teens…their spiritual growth, commitment, and participation
- The weather…an environment conducive to sharing and hearing the gospel
- Safety…for teams traveling around town, for kids in VBS
- Salvations…for many lost souls, both children and adults
- VBS Sunday Worship and Family Picnic…connecting with the families of the GO VBS children.

SIGNS

Your VBS Signs are expensive and are re-used each year. Please consider adding a Ziploc bag with additional information (flyers) if you want to the signs. At the end of the week, you can give your signs to your Adult Leader or Captain; they will return them to FCC.

ENCOURAGING YOUR TEAM

Consider doing a little “something” for the kids on our VBS Team. For example, an ice cold bottle of water or Gatorade as they are leaving, a note of encouragement, or a small treat does wonders to keep them energized!!

Helpful Hints

BEFORE VBS

1. Invite! Pray!
2. Start spreading the word early.
3. When distributing flyers, take your kids and their friends with you. Consider allowing teens to help pass out flyers in the neighborhoods…their enthusiasm can be contagious with kids.
4. Invite friends with friends – and so on, and so on…
5. Make follow-up phone calls after you invite families – especially the week prior to the event!
6. Walk the neighborhood several times.
7. Keep 'save the date cards' handy so you can give them to friends, teammates, etc., all summer.
8. **Use your FaceBook**, or other new media to build excitement about your VBS.
9. Put sings up early. Be sure to have necessary permission for HOA.
10. Advertise in the neighborhood newsletter, if you can.
11. Fertilize your lawn a couple of weeks before to strengthen it for all the "feet".
12. Look for old sheets at Goodwill and garage sales: they are great for the kids to sit on during lesson & snack times.

DURING VBS

1. Have an area with chairs for parents to sit.
2. Provide water in a large thermos or cooler. A cooler filled with cold ice water and clean wash cloths to cool off with each day helps, too.
3. Have bug spray and sunscreen available.
4. Have a parent night potluck or BBQ.
5. Connect with the team that comes to your home. These teens/adults have a lot of neat things to share.
6. Be flexible, get out and have fun with the kids.
7. Bring a lawn chair to VBS Sunday Worship and Family Picnic. Station yourself in one location so that when families come to the event you can tell them where to find you.

After VBS

1. Keep phone numbers for those attending for the next year and for other FCC Events. They will enjoy the phone call that it's coming again.
2. Look for your team members at church. Say 'hi' and make the most of your new friendships!

Important Dates

What you can do NOW

- Tell families about your GO VBS.
- Continue making contacts and distribute flyers.
- Post your signs. Consider adding a "Take One" tube or Ziploc bag filled with flyers.
- Consider posting a flyer at your work. You will be surprised who asks questions!
- Send or pass out "Save the Date" cards to all your friends with children (sports teammates, daycare etc.)
- Promote early; then, call to confirm later.

2 Weeks Before

- Prepare yourself SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY & Physically

Sunday, July 15th - The day before VBS Begins

- Remind and re-invite guests to be at VBS the next day.

Monday, July 16 thru Thursday, July 19

- Get ready to roll with your Front Yard VBS!!! Join us in praying!!!
- It's going to be a great week!!!
- PERSONALLY invite families to the VBS Worship Service and Family Picnic on Sunday, July 22 at FCC.

Sunday, July 22

- Meet and great your VBS families at Church that morning. Consider bringing a lawn chair to set-up so you can stay in one place & they can find you. Be sure to invite them to church services on Sunday and other FCC events throughout the year

Daily Club Supplies & Outline

EVERY DAY SUPPLIES

- Sound system (bigger than boom box, if possible). Play music while kids wait for the VBS Team.
- Extension Cord, or convenient access to power for sound system.
- Garden Hose
- Snack & Drink, your choice.
- Small Table for Skit – this will be used for lesson
- Sign-In Table/Clip Board
- Sign-in sheet, Name tags, Sharpies (provided)

NICE-TO-HAVE SUPPLIES

- Cooler (easy to keep drinks & snacks)
- Extra towels (especially on Water day)
- Old Sheet or Blanket (handy for kids to sit on)
- Extra Lawn Chairs (for spectators)
- Cold Water (for spectators)
- Digital Camera

Each day you can expect a Bible lesson, gospel presentation and games. The team follows a preplanned agenda in order to fit all these activities in the 60 minute VBS. Please, just sit back and let them do their stuff. ☺️

Digital Photos

We are asking YOU to take photos at your VBS. If you do NOT have a digital camera, please call Sara (422-7968) and we will make other arrangements.

We ask that you choose the BEST 10-20 photos, then, e-mail them to William Robinson @ William@FCCtoday.com

Here are some “pointers” when taking pictures/videos:

1. Shoot close to subjects, rather than far away.
2. Video is king
3. Landscape is WAY better than portrait. Imagine watching it on TV
4. Be sure to include
    a. An “all-VBS” photo
    b. Some individual photos
    c. Some small group photos
    d. Some water game photos
    e. The “quiet moment” photos that happen in testimonies, stories, and prayers
    f. Include the team members in your photos.

Thank You!