VBS Planning Form

Thank you for your desire to share the love of Christ with the children of our Honduran communities. Our desire is for the kids to not only have fun and be engaged, but to also grow in their understanding of God and salvation through Christ. All the while, we honor God with excellence in our preparation and execution. Please use this form to help plan your VBS and ***return a copy of your plan to us***. Please contact us with any questions!

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

Time	Event
10-15 min.	Opening Large Group
5 min.	Rotate
20-25 min.	Station 1
5 min.	Rotate
20-25 min.	Station 2
5 min.	Rotate
20-25 min.	Station 3
5 min.	Rotate
20-25 min.	Station 4
10 min.	Closing Large Group
TOTAL TIME:	About 2 Hours

OPENING LARGE GROUP IDEAS:

- Worship through music using Spanish songs. (We have some available, see below for details.)
- Fun, on-stage games (competitions like *Minute to Win It*)
- Skits/Dramas/Bible Stories (to introduce your story or theme; can include local kids too)
- Brief Teaching/Testimony (through a translator)
- Memory verse (in Spanish)

CLOSING LARGE GROUP: Just a short time for review, prayer, or celebration.

MUSIC AND MEMORY VERSES:

✓ **MUSIC:** We have 4 CD's available for you to use. You can look them up online and hear a sample of the songs.

- English: http://www.cedarmont.com/store/collection/classics-cds
- Spanish: http://www.cedarmont.com/store/collection/en-espanol

The titles that we have are:

- Cantos de Escuela Dominical/Sunday School Songs (Green)
- Cantos Biblicos/Bible Songs (Blue)
- Cantos de Alabanza/Songs of Praise (Yellow)
- Cantos Biblicos con Accion/Action Bible Songs (Red)

When you arrive, your team can write the lyrics on poster board (provided) if you want. You also can look up and download a different song, and we can plug in a smartphone to play from.

- ✓ **MEMORY VERSES:** Please use the NIV version of verses (NVI in Spanish) to translate your verses. If you choose, we have poster board available to present your verse.

STATION IDEAS:

- **Arts/Crafts:** Prepare your own, or purchase prepared craft kits for each child. Please stay away from crafts using glue, or anything that needs to dry for a long time. The kids need to be able to take their craft with them that day. Be aware you have varying ages, and keep it simple. 20-25 minutes is not enough time for a complicated craft.
- **Snack/Simple Activity/Story Time:** The kids eat in about 5 minutes. We have found this is a good station to present the story for the day in more depth, but plan for something simple to do as well with extra time; coloring books, face painting, making bracelets, telephone game, etc.
- **Sports/Games (for two stations):** Plan games everyone can participate in. If there is an elimination component, try to include those kids somehow. For example, with musical chairs, have eliminated kids play 'drums' on their legs for music.
    - **Other sports/games ideas:** Small-sided soccer, variations on tag, capture the flag, team building/cooperative games, parachute games.
    - **Resource:** pecentral.org, search through the 'Lesson Ideas' section.

***NOTE -** if your VBS will be located at a school, please keep in mind the children wear uniforms. These uniforms are expensive for families and we want to protect them. If your plan includes painting of any kind, we have smocks available to use.

SNACK EXPENSES:

In addition to purchasing your supplies and giveaways in advance, please also budget additional funds for snack time. For juice and cookies, plan for $.25 per child. For fruit, juice and chips, plan for $.50 per child. El Ayudante staff will coordinate and purchase supplies for snack time in advance.

EL AYUDANTE VBS SUPPLIES:

Below is a list of supplies at EA that are available for your use. You are responsible for bringing everything else you need. Any donations you would like to bring are also welcome and appreciated!

Games & Activities		Arts & Crafts
Beanbags	Small whiffle balls	Beads
Blind folds (4)	Soccer balls (2)	Crayons
Balloon animal balloons	Splash balls	Fabric paint
Balloon pump, directions	Sports cones (15)	Fabric markers
Face-painting kit (4)	Large Target	Bracelet string
Jump ropes (3)	Three legged race ties (5)	
Parachute, large (1)	Water balloon launchers (2)	Popsicle sticks
Parachute, small (1)	Water balloons	Scissors
Scoop ball game (2 sets)	Wooden-colored eggs (6)	
Sidewalk chalk		

GIVEAWAYS:
If you plan to have something to give away for all the kids, we will help you organize the appropriate time to give things away. We are trying to avoid a mad rush where not all kids are served. Here are a few ideas for giveaways:

- Polaroid pictures (Pricey but cool if you have one!)
- Hygiene kits (Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, soap, hair ties etc.)
- Art kits (Crayons, play-dough, markers, paper)
- Activity gifts (games, puzzles, Frisbees, jump ropes, etc.)
- School supplies (pencils, notebooks, coloring books, etc.)

WHAT *NOT* TO GIVE AWAY

- Temporary tattoos
- Loads of candy (If bringing candy, plan for small amounts per child if at all.)

WHAT TO EXPECT

- The first day is always chaotic. The team is figuring out how they will set up and the kids are all really excited.
- We tell the community beforehand that the program is designed for school age kids. However, some students may bring their younger siblings. An El Ayudante staff member will handle those situations on a case by case basis.
- There are usually dogs roaming about the schools and communities. We ask that you do not feed them.

GROUPS

We recommend dividing up the kids in the following way, and assigning a team member/s to stay with that group during all the rotations. Other team members will remain at the station to assist with each group that comes through. We have yarn available for you to cut for bracelets so kids can remember their group, or you can choose to make your own nametags or bracelets. (You may choose to collect these at the end of the day if you like.)

AGE GROUP	GROUP LEADER/S	NOTES
1st-half of 2nd		
Half of 2nd-3rd		
4th-half of 5th		
Half of 5th-6th		

VBS PLANNING DAY ONE

LARGE GROUP DAY 1	SUPPLIES	NOTES
OPEN:		
CLOSE:		

ROTATIONS DAY 1	Activity/Leader	SUPPLIES	NOTES
Rotation 1: _____			
Rotation 2: _____			
Rotation 3: _____			
Rotation 4: _____			

VBS PLANNING DAY TWO

LARGE GROUP DAY 2	SUPPLIES	NOTES
OPEN:		
CLOSE:		

ROTATIONS DAY 2	Activity/Leader	SUPPLIES	NOTES
Rotation 1: _____			
Rotation 2: _____			
Rotation 3: _____			
Rotation 4: _____			

VBS PLANNING DAY THREE

LARGE GROUP DAY 3	SUPPLIES	NOTES
OPEN:		
CLOSE:		

ROTATIONS DAY 3	Activity/Leader	SUPPLIES	NOTES
Rotation 1: _____			
Rotation 2: _____			
Rotation 3: _____			
Rotation 4: _____			