

Creative Summer Programming

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Introduction

DARE to be more _____ than you are now!

1. Creativity requires _____ and _____
2. Creativity requires _____
3. Creativity requires _____
4. Creativity requires _____
5. Creativity requires taking the expected to an _____ level.

YOUTH MINISTRY Programming Essentials:

1. Plan creative _____ trips that build momentum and inspire youth to bring their friends!

- Beach and Bonfire Days
- Hikes (Hollywood sign/local mountains)
- Fishing
- Paint Ball
- Pro-baseball Game
- Kayaking
- Boating/Waver Runners
- Service Project
- Water Day at the Park
- Movie Outing (LA Live or Universal City Walk)
- Sky High
- Downtown Long Beach
- Guys Only Day – paintball, fishing, ropes course
- Girls Only Day – Horseback Riding, Fashion District
- Museum of Tolerance
- Theme Park
- Go Kart Racing
- Laser Tag
- Fitness Day
- Skills Day
- Amazing Race (Using Metro & Instagram through:
 - Olivera Street
 - China Town
 - Little Tokyo
 - Fashion District
 - Skid Row
 - LA Live
 - Pink's or Felipe's

NOTE: Google:

- “10 Almost free things to do in [Your City]”
- “100 Almost free things to do in [Your City]”
- “Ten Things to do with kids in Los Angeles” (ExperiencingLA.com)

2. Plan creative _____ and _____ experiences that get kids out of the city and out of the norm.

IDEAS FOR CAMPS AND RETREATS:

- Established Camps – denominational or non-denominational; see cci.org and Humelake.org
- Hotels
- Christian Colleges
- Campgrounds – Tent camping – Google “California campgrounds and Camping”, “California Best Campgrounds.” Nuance it for your state!

SPECIALIZED RETREATS:

- Student Leadership Camp
- Staff Retreat
- Discipleship Retreat
- Guys Only/Girls Only Retreat
- River Rafting
- Catalina Island – “Campus by the Sea”
- Channel Island – Kayaking Tour
- Travel Camp – LA to San Diego or San Francisco caravanning in cars and vans. Stop at various destinations along the way, stay in a church one night, camp one night, stay in a hotel one night, stay at a Christian college one night and mix fun, food, activities and ministry along the way!

3. Creatively change the game of the “normal’ and mid-week & Sunday morning gatherings to make them _____!

- Add food to the Sunday School experience (Chicken & Waffles).
- Meet outside or at a nearby park.
- Separate into Guys Only and Girls Only groups during 1-2 of your Summer midweek meetings.
- Experience one of the creative activities we discussed on page one, during the midweek meeting or after Sunday church (Encourage kids to dress casually to church for the post church activity).
- Show a movie in the church parking lot or on a wall in the courtyard for your mid-week meeting.
Have youth bring beach chairs, BBQ burgers and hotdogs and have a short Bible study/application discussion afterwards.
- Mobilize your students in small groups to “go do good in His name” in lieu of your mid-week meeting. Meet back at the church or at a home or coffee spot to share about your experiences (Feed the homeless with sack dinners, serve some widows connected to your church (James 1:27) or visit a convalescent home). Serve for 2 hours and meet back to talk and share.