



EVANGELISM PROJECT TYPE PACKET

Complete these five items to be prepared for your mission project:

- Review the Things To Know section below.
- Host a mission training meeting with your students.
- Review the Project Overview page(s) that are emailed to you a month before camp.
- Communicate with the Site Contact(s).
- Finish final preparations and training with your students using the information in this document and your Project Overview.

ONE: THINGS TO KNOW

MAKING PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

We start group placement with prayer and the project type(s) you selected. We also consider group size, transportation and the ages of students. Ultimately, a community's need decides where churches serve.

CHANGING AN ASSIGNMENT

Changing or canceling is extremely difficult because it will directly affect the community partners, as well as other churches that will have to be switched around to cover that loss. Student Life cares deeply about our personal relationships with the organizations we serve. Many depend on Student Life for help with projects they cannot accomplish on their own, which is why we do everything possible to honor our promises.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from sites is the responsibility of the church group. If you are at multiple sites with only one vehicle, Student Life will provide drop-off directions at Check-In.

LEADERSHIP AT SITES

Student Life will check on you at sites, but will not be with you all week on site as you serve. Your adult leaders are responsible for your group and will guide students following the Site Contact's instructions.

EVERY GROUP NEEDS TO BRING



- **Cooler(s) and Water Bottles** – You can bring at least one round water cooler per site for ice water to refill personal water bottles. Please label all coolers with your church name, city and state.
- **Closed-Toe Shoes** – Every person is required to wear closed-toe shoes while on site. Tennis shoes are preferable (not canvas).
- **Snacks** – These provide a helpful boost while burning extra calories working hard in the summer heat!
- **Supplies** – Your Project Overview sheet lists the supplies provided as well as smaller items you should bring. Feel free to bring any additional supplies you think would help, labeled with your church name so they don't get mixed up.

TWO: MISSION TRAINING MEETING

VISION CAST

Explain the type of work they can expect to do and how that supports the local community. Include these tips on how to have a great week:

- **Be Prayerful** – The best way to prepare for your mission project is through prayer. Remember, your ministry at the site consists not only of the work you do, but also your interactions with your contact.
- **Be Servant-minded** – Come prepared to do everything they ask with excellence.
- **Be Flexible** – Student Life does everything possible to prevent changes. However, plans do sometimes change. If anything regarding your mission project changes drastically, you will be notified immediately.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

We're excited you will be interacting with community members this summer! We believe it is important to prepare for meaningful conversations that will happen while engaging with the city. Use this guide to help prepare your students to share the Gospel with people they interact with.

1. Gospel Conversations

Before coming to camp, spend some time talking with your students about how they can share the Gospel. There are many different, effective methods to sharing the Gospel. Use something your students are familiar with and have heard before.

2. Personal Testimonies



Spend time talking through personal testimonies. After hearing the Gospel, sharing how Christ has changed our lives personally can have a huge impact on conversations. Have them think through and practice answering the following:

- Your life before Christ...
- How you met Christ and how He changed your life...
- Today Christ impacts your life...
- Why are you giving up your summer break to do this?

3. Context Perspective

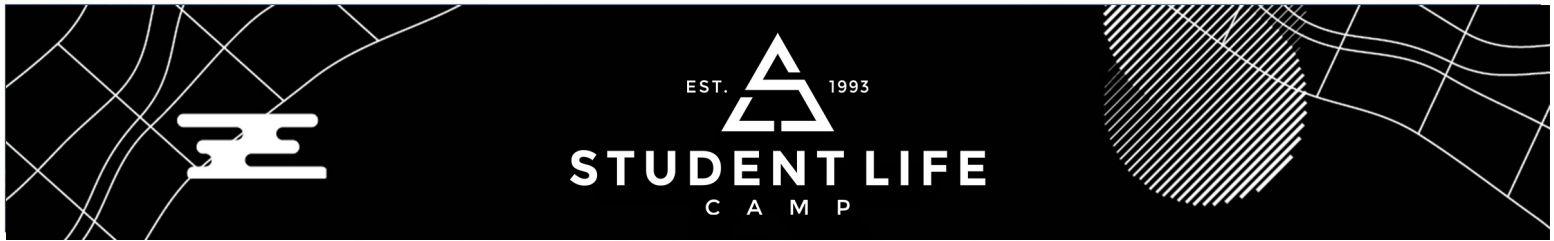
In addition to preparing for Gospel conversations and personal testimonies, review project information with students. What's the city like where we are serving? Who will be our primary audience? This portion can even be done during Church Group Gathering on the first night of camp.

Some helpful resources to consider using are included below:

- <http://www.lifeway.com/studentministry/2015/01/27/helping-students-connect-with-evangelism/>
- <https://www.namb.net/evangelism>
- https://www.navigators.org/topic/evangelism/?post_type=resource&APCode=E294&qclid=EAlaIqobChMImLuavdyb1wIVBgeGCh1Qcga-EAAYAAEgJYCPD_BwE

THREE: REVIEW PROJECT OVERVIEW SHEETS

Around 30 days before camp you will receive a Project Overview Sheet for each project you are assigned. Please review to learn things like what to wear, the project address, supplies that will be provided, and other expectations to share with your group. We include all the information we know in advance to help your group prepare for the week of camp!



Project Assignment Overview
Norris Ferry Community Church, Shreveport, LA

Project: The Gardens Independent & Assisted Living

Dates: Tuesday-Thursday, June 4 - 6, 2019

Number of People for Project: 18

Time: 12:30 - 3:30

Kids Club Curriculum: N/A

Organization Description: The Gardens is a faith-based senior living community in the Springfield area. The residents here enjoy wonderful meals and lots of activities to keep them young at heart!

Project Details: You will be visiting with the residents at the Assisted and Independent Living facilities here. There will be some fun activities together (possibly a picnic at the end of the week), but the schedule of daily activities is still coming together.

They can't wait to plug you all in to visit with the residents! Please call Nicole to touch base about more details ahead of time.

Project Location Address: 2730 S. Nettleton, Springfield, MO, 65807

Contact Information

Contact: Nicole Fite

Preferred Contact Method:

Phone Email

Phone Number: 417-881-1330

Organization Website:

Email: nfite@ba.org

www.bethesdaSeniorLiving.com

Supplies Provided By

Student Life or The Gardens Independent & Assisted Living

- Kids Rec Supplies
- Craft Supplies
- Painting Supplies
- Yard Work Supplies
- Cleaning Supplies
- Board Games
- All Supplies Provided by Site
- Paint Provided by Site
- None Needed

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- Craft Supplies (optional)
- Pop Up Tent (optional)
- Work Gloves
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Bibles to Donate at Site (optional)
- Site Waivers

FOUR: CONTACTING YOUR SITE CONTACT

Please directly contact (email or phone call) the people you will be serving by using the Contact information included on your Project Overview(s).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Familiarize yourself with the organization or area by reading the brief Site Description on your Project Overview. Also visit their website, if provided, so you know what they do year-round. Remember, not all Site Contacts or organizations with whom we partner are Christian.

EMAIL OR PHONE CALL TIPS

1. Your contact may be working with multiple groups throughout the summer. Please introduce yourself as the Group Leader for the "Student Life volunteer group" that will be partnering with them on the specific dates and times listed on your Project Overview.
2. Exchange cell phone numbers.
3. Find out where to go and who to look for upon arrival.
4. Ask project specific questions.
 - a. Do you have a certain area or map we should follow?



- b. How can we get information back to you for follow up?
 - c. Is there information you would like us to communicate with anyone we meet?
5. Confirm the location address.
 6. Remind them of your estimated arrival time (12:30 p.m.).
 - a. If you are traveling in a bus dropping off multiple groups, please let the contact know of your potential “late arrival.”

FIVE: FINAL PREPARATIONS

PROBLEM SOLVING

Our staff will always help you to come to a solution, but these are great to review in advance before camp.

YOU GOT TO YOUR SITE, BUT NO ONE IS HERE.

- Call the number on your Project Overview to make sure you are at the right location.
- No answer? Notify your Squad Leader for additional contact numbers.
- Have a time of prayer for people to cross paths with your group while Student Life finds a solution.

STUDENTS ARE HESITANT TO SHARE / MEET PEOPLE.

- Remind students that Jesus is with them!
- Spend time praying as a group for the truth of Matthew 28:18-20 to become magnified. Ask God for increased faith and boldness.
- Also, remind students that the results of evangelism are never dependent upon us! It is only God who gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6). Our hope and prayer is that this will be a week of students stepping out in obedience to share the hope that is within them.

YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES.

- If you need supplies immediately, contact your Squad Leader. Do not be shy about requesting additional materials since supply needs are a top priority. We want you to serve well!
- Supply needs could include additional Gospel tracts, ministry connection cards, etc.
- If supplies are needed for the next day, let your Squad Leader know. They will arrange a time to meet you to get what is needed.

IT IS RAINING AND YOUR LOCATION IS OUTSIDE.



- Take cover from passing showers and have a prayer time for the organization you are serving.
- If it looks like the rain won't pass, talk with your Site Contact about any inside options.
- Contact your Squad Leader for options where it's not raining or other ideas.

SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP HAS GOTTEN INJURED.

- Take care of the injury! Assess the situation quickly and take appropriate steps.
- Alert your Squad Leader immediately.