

COACH HUDDLES

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Huddle Coaches should be friendly and enjoy spending time with kids. From high school students to grandparents, almost any Christian who is willing to spend time with kids can do a great job. Since they'll be helping during the Sports Sessions, it's great if they have some sports experience or a willingness to listen and follow the Head Coach's instructions. Huddle Coaches will build relationships with kids, showing them how to use what they're learning in their everyday lives.

HUDDLE COACH'S CHECKLIST

BEFORE MEGA SPORTS CAMP BEGINS

- Prepare and practice the stories you'll share each day. Read the *Coach Huddle Guide*, and select the options that best fit you. After you've made notes about what you want to share, practice telling your stories to a friend. This will help your storytelling go more smoothly with a group of kids.
- Try to learn the MEGA Verse. Kids in your Huddle Group may earn a special award when they say it. Challenge yourself to learn the verse and then ask the Camp Director if you can get an award too. Your kids will want to follow your lead, and it'll be easier to know if they're right when they say the verse to you.
- Start praying for the kids who will be in your Huddle Group. Ask God to prepare their hearts to grow closer to Him and to help you build relationship with them.
- Attend the Volunteer Training. You'll learn more about what you can do to help make Sports Camp a great experience for everyone. This is also a great time to meet the Head Coach you'll be assisting.

FROM THE FIELD

Be prepared for bad weather and lots of scraped knees. Offer an evening meal for MEGA Sports Camp outreach coaches and kids. It's a great outreach!

Camp Director

AT SPORTS CAMP

You will have four main responsibilities at Sports Camp.

1. Build relationships with kids in your Huddle Group. Your number-one job is to help them have a great time. Here are some tips to help you succeed:

- Learn the name of each kid in your Huddle Group. Write their names on the chart in your ***Coach Huddle Guide***. Ask the Camp Director if there are any special concerns for any of the kids in your group.
- Keep praying for the kids in your Huddle Group.
- Sit with your Huddle Group during the rallies and talk to them before and after camp.
- Try to learn something new about each kid in your Huddle Group each day. The chart in the ***Coach Huddle Guide*** can help you keep track of which kids you talk to.
- Be yourself.

2. Lead Coach Huddle times. During these sessions, you'll start a conversation with your group in the Sports Area.

- Share personal stories and experiences or choose another option provided in the ***Coach Huddle Guide***.



3. Assist the Head Coach and Rally Coach.

- Be ready to help the Head Coach demonstrate drills, actions, or games in the Sports Sessions. If you're not athletic, offer to help set up equipment and monitor kids' progress. The Head Coach will give you instructions for this.
- Be prepared to help the Rally Coach by doing song actions or assisting with sports stories and Bible stories. The Rally Coach will let you know what to do.
- Help in rallies and Sports Sessions by keeping the kids focused. When kids act up, redirect their attention to the Rally Coach or Head Coach. The Camp Director will provide you with camp rules and discipline steps.
- Be prepared to lead your group in Response Time at the end of each Closing Rally. The Rally Coach will tell you what to do. Pray that the kids in your group will respond to God. How awesome to watch God change kids' lives!

4. Help kids learn the MEGA Verse.

- Have the kids in your Huddle Group create their own MEGA Verse cheer. Encourage them to say the cheer as they travel to and from the Rally Zone.
- Practice the MEGA Verse with the kids in your Huddle Group.
- Spend time in the Coach Huddle saying the MEGA Verse.
- Set an example by learning the MEGA Verse yourself.

AFTER MEGA SPORTS CAMP

Even after your MEGA Sports Camp outreach is over, you can still have influence in your kids' lives because they will have a special connection with you. Try to follow up with the kids in your Huddle Group by sending them a MEGA Sports Camp Postcard (available in the **Downloads**), thanking them for attending. If you see them at church or around your community, stop and say hello. Let them know how much you enjoyed having them in your group. And, most importantly, continue to pray for them.

