

RALLY TIME

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

The Rally Coach and Music Coach (can be the same person) work together along with Sir Whistleton to build excitement and make the songs and stories come alive for the kids during each rally. They should enjoy being in front of people, relating to kids, and sharing God's Word. Other volunteers who help make the rallies run smoothly include:

- **Head Coaches and Huddle Coaches** to participate and set an example in worship and enthusiasm. One strength of a MEGA Sports Camp outreach is showing kids that the coaches they look up to have a relationship with God.
- **Production Assistant** to manage the sound system and presentation software, utilizing the media resources, Run Sheet template, and digital *Rally Guide* in the **Downloads**.

For the Rally Zone, you will need a meeting space large enough for kids to extend their arms without touching each other. Your Rally Zone can double for one of the Sports Areas like a basketball gym or cheerleading space.

YOU WILL NEED

- *Rally Guide* for each Rally Coach
- MEGA Sports Camp *Mission Cup Downloads*
- Computer and projection screen
- Sound system
- Recorded music or live musicians for songs not provided in the **Downloads**

COACH'S CORNER

A key to the success of Sports Camp is making sure kids see their coaches involved in the spiritual part of the program too. Ask coaches to lead Bible stories, share the sports stories, join in the singing, and participate in the rallies.

If your Head Coaches aren't Christians, be sure to involve them in the activities with which they are comfortable.

FROM THE FIELD

Our MEGA Sports Camp outreach attracted kids who wouldn't come to a VBS. I liked watching kids from so many backgrounds worshipping together.

Children's Pastor

RALLY TIME CHECKLIST

FOR THE RALLY COACH

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate the three daily rallies.
- Organize and/or delegate the following responsibilities. (Often, the Rally Coach fills several of these roles.)
 - Leading worship
 - Sharing sports stories
 - Sharing Bible stories
 - MEGA Verse memorization
 - Salvation presentation on Day 4

BEFORE MEGA SPORTS CAMP BEGINS

- Attend the Volunteer Training. Meet the Huddle Coaches and Head Coaches who will help during the rallies.
- Recruit a Production Assistant to run the sound system and media for the rallies.
- Read the *Rally Guide*. It offers an easy-to-follow order of service, so preparing for rally times should be easy.
- Check out the location for the Rally Zone. Keep the setting in mind as you plan the daily activities.
- Gather the materials you'll need for each rally. See each day's instructions in the *Rally Guide* for details.
- Practice the stories you will lead, so you won't have to read them word-for-word. The better you know the material, the more fluid your presentation will be.
- Pray and ask God to help you teach the kids about Him.
- Arrive early enough to prepare before the rallies begin.

FOR THE MUSIC COACH

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate the worship time during each of the rallies.
- Organize the worship team who will lead the songs. This task can be divided among several people, or you can lead the songs with volunteers helping with the actions.
- Make sure all team members learn the song actions. (Videos are available in the **Downloads**.)
- Help kids learn the songs.

BEFORE MEGA SPORTS CAMP BEGINS

- Attend the Volunteer Training. Meet the Huddle Coaches and Head Coaches who will help during the rallies.
- Learn the actions to the songs (available in the **Downloads**).
- Pray and ask God to help you teach the kids about Him.
- Arrive early enough to prepare before the rallies begin.

FOR SIR WHISTLETON (SEE PAGE 62 FOR DETAILS)

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Practice your part of the skits so you don't read them word-for-word.
- Help kids have fun!
- Walk around during camp to encourage kids and be their number-one fan.

BEFORE MEGA SPORTS CAMP BEGINS

- Attend the Volunteer Training. Meet the Huddle Coaches and Head Coaches who will help during the rallies.
- Create your costume.
- Learn the MEGA Verse.
- Familiarize yourself with the plan for each rally to best understand your role.
- Pray and ask God to help you teach the kids about Him.
- Arrive early enough to prepare before the rallies begin.

FOR THE RALLY COACH, MUSIC COACH, AND SIR WHISTLETON

DURING SPORTS CAMP

- Greet the kids as they arrive, and get kids involved quickly. Have the Music Coach lead songs as the kids arrive.
- Be enthusiastic, and keep the rallies fun and lively.
- Keep presentations short and to the point. Kids will tune you out if you talk too long.
- When telling a story, move around. Use your voice, facial expressions, and gestures to make the story interesting.
- Make eye contact with kids as you talk. This helps you gauge how well the kids are paying attention.

Note: If you are unable to use the Athlete Spotlight Video segments in the **Downloads**, you will need someone to make a live presentation of the material covered.

COACH'S CORNER

If kids seem to lose interest in what you are saying, make a loud noise, speak in a soft voice, or make an unexpected motion to regain their attention. You can also start saying the names of kids as you tell the story or give instructions. This will make kids sit up and pay attention.