

“Tips for a Successful Evangelistic Block Party”

BEFORE THE EVANGELISTIC BLOCK PARTY –

1. Make adequate preparations for your block party:
 - a. Ensure that your leadership calendars and budgets for your evangelistic block party.
 - b. Enlist an Evangelistic Block Party Planning Team.
 - c. Enlist a Prayer Team to guide the church to pray for the Evangelistic Block Party and to do prayer walks around the area you are holding your party.
 - d. Provide evangelistic training for your church members; this is not just a “party”, but an opportunity to share the gospel with your neighborhood.
 - e. Ensure that adequate advertising is done letting your neighborhood know about your block party.
 - f. Enlist an encourager to insure that the church members are mingling among the guests and looking for opportunities to share the gospel.
 - g. Secure your reservations through the Sacramento Association of Southern Baptist Churches by going on line to www.sacbaptist.org and downloading the reservation forms.
 - h. Remember you **MUST** view the online training videos at www.sacbaptist.org

Note: *The EBPT is a gift from the Healthy Church Group of the California Southern Baptist Convention. The EBPT belongs equally to the Mother Lode and Sacramento Associations. The coordination is being done through the Sacramento Association only for centralizing and coordinating the use of the EBPT.*

2. Make legal and financial preparations for the use of the EBPT:
 - a. Check with your city and/or county officials to obtain any required permits.
 - b. Obtain the proper insurance coverage for the Evangelistic Block Party.
 - c. Insure that verification of a certificate of [General] Liability Insurance with an Additional Insured Endorsement listing Mother Lode Baptist Association and Sacramento Association of Southern Baptist Churches as additional insured, verification of a signed Hold-Harmless Agreement, verification of a signed Bounce House Safety Instructions Document, verification of a signed Equipment Check List Document, verification of the towing vehicles insurance, a check for EBPT deposit and a check for renting the EBPT unit reach the Sacramento Association office two weeks prior to your event. (These checks need to be separate and made payable to SASBC).

DURING THE EVANGELISTIC BLOCK PARTY –

1. Arrive early to set up for your Evangelistic Block Party.
 - a. Eight to ten people can easily set up for the party in approximately thirty minutes, but you want to be sure and have a time of prayer before the event begins.
 - b. Regardless of the surface where you are placing the jump houses they **MUST** have a tarp under them.

- 1) **NO** shoes or face paint are to go into the jump houses. It is recommended that you don't use face painting or be prepared to remove the face painting before the child enters the jump house.
2. Be sure that all stations are manned during the Evangelistic Block Party.
 - a. Remember that an adult over the age of 18 must be present at the jump houses at all times during the event.
 - b. If the BBQ grill is used, insure that an adult is present while it is hot so that no one is burned accidentally.
 - c. Only adults should operate the Sno-Cone machine and the popcorn machine. This will insure that no fingers are caught in the Sno-Cone machine and there are no burns from the popcorn machine.
3. Remember why you are having this event.
 - a. Evangelism, evangelism, evangelism!
 - b. While music is encouraged during the block party. Keep in mind that if the music is so loud you can't hear someone when they talk, then you CAN'T effectively share the gospel.

AFTER THE EVANGELISTIC BLOCK PARTY –

1. Clean up and repack the EBPT.
 - a. Empty all charcoal out of the BBQ grill before returning it to the trailer.
 - b. Clean the popcorn machine with mild detergent. Do not use abrasive materials. Cover the machine with the box before returning it to the trailer.
 - c. Dry the Sno-Cone machine before returning to the trailer. Cover the machine with the box before returning it to the trailer.
 - d. The bounce houses need to be vacuumed (shop vac is not provided), cleaned and sanitized (wipes provided) before returning to the EBPT.
 - e. Remember to put all items in their appropriate stenciled places in the trailer. If something gets broken please inform the person when you return the EBPT to the Fourteenth Avenue Baptist Church. Another church will use the EBPT after you and we want to ensure that all the equipment is in working order.
2. Return the EBPT on a timely and courteous basis. Other churches are also using the EBPT.
 - a. You will be given a return date and time when you reserve the EBPT. The person who is checking out and receiving the EBPT is a volunteer. Out of courtesy contact that person if you are not going to be able to return the EBPT on time. Just remember that someone may be waiting to pick the EBPT up for their block party.
3. Complete the Evangelistic Block Party Report Form and return it to:
Sacramento Association of Southern Baptist Churches
5056 Sunrise Boulevard, Ste. B-3
Fair Oaks, CA 95826
Fax: 916-863-5428