

INTRO TO BKC

What is BKC?

Backyard Kids Club has the same great Gospel message and fun learning environment as a traditional VBS. It is just off your church campus and in a location that reaches people who would not normally come to your church campus.

Why should my church do BKC?

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8

We are called to share the Gospel everywhere, starting in our own town. This is a great tool to reach people that may not normally come to your church campus.

Where would I do BKC?

ANYWHERE! This can be done in someone's yard, neighborhood or apartment complex, common area, school yard, open field, any MISSION FIELD!

BKC Verse:
But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.
1 Peter 3:15 (HCSB)

Team Structure/Responsibilities:

- 1. Host** Safety/Security, Snacks, Promotion, Being Available to talk with Neighbors!
 - 2. Team Leader** Team Recruitment, Schedule, Communication, Promotion, Registration, Follow up
 - 3. Music/Worship Leader** Prepare music and opening/closing times each day with possible skits
 - 4. Bible Study Leaders** Prepare and lead Bible study for Children and/or Preschool
 - 5. Craft Leader** Select, plan, gather resources, and lead daily crafts.
 - 6. Recreation Leader** Select, plan, gather resources, and lead daily games.
 - 7. Additional Helpers/Parents** Extra hands available to help wherever needed!
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Schedule:

- 20 min** Early Arrival Games
- 15 min** Opening/Music Time
- 30 min** Bible Study Time
- 25 min** Recreation
- 10 min** Snacks
- 25 min** Crafts
- 15 min** Closing/Music Time

Decorations:

- Check out all the options from the VBS 2014 Catalog. By using the same theme, all decoration ideas (posters, table cloths, balloons, etc) apply to BKC as well.
- Picnic tables set up to look like lab tables
- "Caution" tape and/or cones to mark out different areas
- Blankets or sheets to sit on
- Posters taped to foam board set around the area
- "Evidence" Boxes stacked up (can hold your supplies)
- Yard signs (size of a yard sale sign) to label each area
- **Be sure to think about daily set up/tear down**

Promotion/Publicity

Make sure everyone in your church knows where the host locations are. They can be the best promoters throughout your area. If possible, have a list on your church website.

Encourage teams to use social media

Create fliers, yard signs, etc for each home to advertise. Check with neighborhood associations (if needed) to learn specific rules on posting signs, delivering fliers, neighborhood emails, etc.

Enlist the help of children already in the neighborhood to go with the team door to door with fliers.

Follow Up

See the follow up plan in the Directors book on pages 41-48

Assign families to each team member for follow up—calls, postcards, visits, etc.

Save one craft back (possibly photo craft) to deliver to the home the following week.

Make sure all registration information gets back to the correct person in the church office so the church can follow up as well.

Challenges and Benefits of BKC

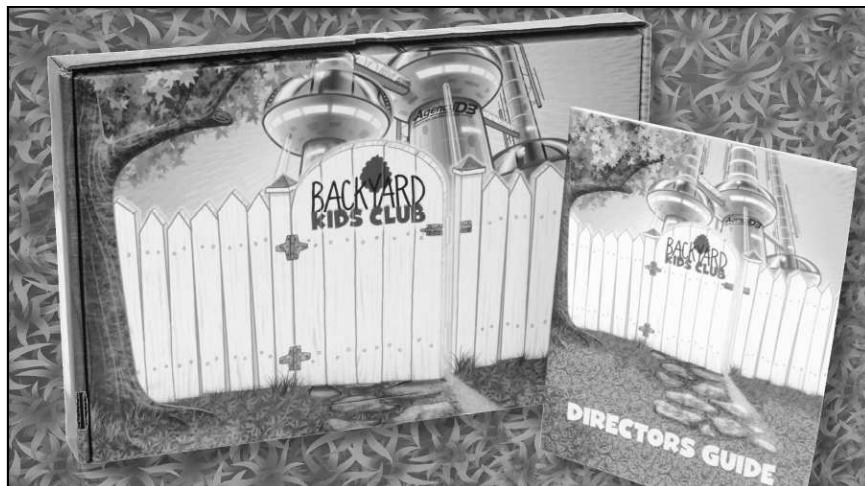
Challenges—1. Create a communication plan to introduce this new idea to your church. 2. Anticipate their questions and be ready with answers. 3. Train your volunteers to be self-sufficient because church/key staff may not be available at each location. 4. Decide what age children are able to attend, and have a plan in place for preschool if needed. 5. Help teams prepare for unexpected numbers, weather, or distraction.

Benefits—1. Reaching people that would not come to your church. 2. Increased volunteer base around your area. 3. Stronger volunteers ready to share the Gospel. 4. Greater opportunities for young people to take on leadership roles. 5. Training your church to be prepared for mission trips. 6. Training your church to live every day as a missionary in their own neighborhood!

2 Keys to Success!

1. PRAYER!

2. FLEXIBILITY!



Backyard Kids Club Directors Guide, \$14.99

Find help on how to put together your Backyards Kids Club. Includes step-by-step instructions to the person or team who will be coordinating and planning the Backyard Kids Club or Clubs.

VBS 2014 Backyard Kids Club Kit, \$39.99

Provides all the basics your team needs to host and lead a Backyard VBS: promotion instructions, snack ideas, folders filled with children's and preschool Bible study, activities for crafts and music, recreation cards, music CDs, and a choreography DVD.

Designed to be used easily wherever you can gather a group of kids! A good rule of thumb is to order one kit for every 20 kids. For clubs hosting in multiple homes, order one kit per home.