

# WHAT IS A YOUTH ALIVE HUDDLE?

A Youth Alive Huddle is a group of students who meet together in an “unofficial” way to share the Gospel with their school. Huddles are not clubs—they do not seek school approval, do not use school rooms to meet, and do not work through any other official school channels. Youth Alive Huddles are ideal when an official school club is not an option. Huddles meet outside of school, or during free time at school, and share the Gospel by doing outreaches to serve their friends. Huddles usually stay small because the goal of a huddle is to effectively share the Gospel with the other students and invite them to church. The goal is to grow the youth group, not the huddle!

The goals of a Youth Alive Huddle are:

- » **Gospel-driven** – Huddles exist to share the Gospel.
- » **Church-connecting** – Huddles exist to invite others to come to youth group, the church, events, etc.
- » **Serving-focused** – Huddles work together to serve groups of students in their school or community.
- » **Adaptable** – Huddles can move fast, change methods quickly, and be creative.

You’ve already completed the Youth Alive Movement Essentials. Now use these Documents to help you start and run a Youth Alive Huddle:

## Core Documents:

1. Starting a Youth Alive Huddle
2. Core Team Assignments
3. Effective Meetings
4. Meeting Planner
5. Outreach Coaching Guide
6. Outreach Ideas
7. Outreach Planning Board

## Supplemental Documents:

1. Yearly Planner
2. Monthly Planner



# STARTING A YOUTH ALIVE HUDDLE

- 1. Start with prayer.** Pray for wisdom, for friends to help you, and for God's will to be accomplished in and through you.
  - » Collaborate. Build your team! Team members should include:
  - » Your youth pastor/leader.
  - » Key students that want to help lead the huddle. This is your core team, and they should share your heart to reach your school.
  - » A host parent/home. Huddles often need a place to meet outside of school to plan and organize. Additionally, parents often supply key support to Youth Alive Huddles by giving resources, funding, and general help. Think of a parent of one of the huddle members who would be willing to allow the huddle to meet in his or her house. This might be your parents since it is your vision!
  - » Plan the huddle together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.
- 2. Schedule and hold your first meeting.** At your meeting you will share the word and focus on the mission.
- 3. Plan and hold your first outreach.** At your meetings you will plan your first outreach, as well as future outreaches. Be sure to meet with your core team regularly to plan your meetings and outreaches.
- 4. Keep communicating.** It's important to keep information flowing between your core team, parents, and youth pastor.

## PRO TIP - COMMUNICATION

Great Communication makes a huddle work! When communication stops, the huddle stops being effective, and frustration can set in. Follow these tips to have successful communication in your Youth Alive Club:

- 1. Core Team** – Communicate **FREQUENTLY** with your Core Team – The core team will need the most consistent communication. This can be done in person, through text, or any other preferred method. You should be communicating every week, and probably more than once a week. Be sure to include information important for the regular meetings and activities of the huddle. This core team meeting will help you plan the details of your outreaches.
- 2. Donors/Pastors/Parents** – Communicate **WINS AND REQUESTS** with your youth pastor, pastors, key parents, and potential donors. Let them celebrate with you. As you do this, they will probably want to invest more in your huddle through prayer and other means of assistance.



## CORE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Each member of the core team has an important role to play in making a Youth Alive Movement successful. Pray and have each member of the core team select areas they'd like to serve in. Put your Core Team members on the left side of this document. On the right side is a list of typical areas to serve, and you can add to that list based on the needs of your Movement. Remember that duties can be shared. Under the name of each Core Team member, write the areas they will serve in until all the areas your Movement needs are fulfilled.

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# EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

## 4 BIG ACTIONS IN EVERY MEETING

Every Youth Alive Club meeting should have four things to be successful: Prayer, Gospel, Community, and Mission.

- » **Prayer** – Give space for each person to present requests, then pray with faith for God to answer those requests.
- » **Gospel** – Share a short message based on Scripture at each meeting. Be sure to include a presentation of the Gospel and give students the opportunity to place their faith in God.
- » **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone. This can include fun and games, food, giveaways, discussions, and connecting students to the local church.
- » **Mission** – Mission means serving your school and other student groups through outreaches outside of regular club meetings. Take time to discuss and plan your outreaches in each meeting.

## MEETING PLAN

Below is a meeting outline that can be helpful to follow as you plan your meetings. You can also create your own meeting outline with your Core Team if it fits your club better. This outline is designed for clubs that have 30-45 minutes to meet. If you have more or less time, adjust the times to fit.

- 1. Start with Community** – Icebreaker/Game. This can be a simple and fun game. It could also be as easy as a creative question everyone answers as you get to know people better. This should take about 5-10 minutes.
- 2. Gospel** – Move into a time of sharing a short message based on Scripture. A club member can do this, or you can invite a guest speaker like your youth pastor to share a message, or you can share the message through a video. Be sure to include a presentation of the Gospel as part of the message or following the message. The Alive in Five is a great way to share the Gospel. Check out the document “Sharing the Gospel at a Movement” to help you. Give your attendees an opportunity to put their faith in God. This should take about 10 minutes.
- 3. Prayer** – Ask if there are any prayer requests, or who would like to receive prayer in the group, then pray for those needs. Pray for any topics brought up during the message, and pray for your school and community. This should take about 5 minutes.

4. **Mission** – Take time to talk about serving your school and other student groups through your next outreach. Use the Outreach Coaching Guide, Outreach Ideas, and Outreach Planning to help you. This should take 10 minutes.
5. **End with Community** – Close your time with more community. This can include food, more fun through a game or icebreaker, or an epic discussion. This should take 5-10 minutes.

# YOUTH ALIVE CLUB

## MEETING PLANNER

Use this document to help you plan each meeting of your Youth Alive Club. Work with your Core Team ahead of time to make sure everything is covered! If you do this, your meetings will go much better. This planner is designed for a club that has 30-45 minutes to meet. Adjust the times to fit the needs of your club.

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Leaders for this Meeting:</b>
<b>What do we believe God wants to do in this meeting?</b>	
<b>Icebreaker/Game/Fun (5-10 minutes)</b> What is our opening icebreaker or fun element?	
<b>Gospel (10 minutes)</b> Who is going to share the message and what will they be sharing?  Bible Verses  Message  Response/Faith Invitation	
<b>Prayer (5 minutes)</b> Who will lead the prayer time? Do not forget to take prayer requests and include any special prayer emphasis.	
<b>Mission (10 minutes)</b> What is our next outreach? Use the Outreach Coaching Guide, Outreach Ideas, and Outreach Planning Board.	
<b>Close with Community (5-10 minutes)</b> This can be food, more games, or an epic discussion. What will we do to close?	



# OUTREACH COACHING GUIDE

It's important for every Youth Alive Movement to serve others who don't normally come to the Movement meetings as a way of sharing the Gospel. This is called doing an outreach. Use this page to help you think through the outreaches you can do in your school. Doing an outreach can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. In fact, the more you do outreaches, the more natural serving others and sharing the Gospel will become. AND the more you serve others, the faster your school will know God loves them and so do you.

We encourage a simple strategy—you don't have to share the Gospel with your whole school at one time, and your outreach doesn't have to be big to be effective. Instead, focus on other small groups that are in your school and serve them. Use the "Outreach Ideas" page to help spark your imagination and answer the questions below to help guide you.

## WHO DO WE WANT TO SERVE?

- » What group of people in our school or community do we want to serve?
- » Pray and ask God to guide you. Is there a group of students God has in mind for you to serve?
- » Are there any groups in our school that Movement members are already connected to?
- » Are there groups in our school or community that work hard but don't receive any recognition?
- » Are there subcultures in our school or community God is calling us to serve?
- » Make notes about what God is saying to you:

## WHAT WILL WE DO TO SERVE THEM?

- » What do we want to do to show them God loves them, and so does our Movement?
- » What does this group need?
- » What would make this group feel loved and appreciated?
- » What would bless them?
- » What will be worth their time?
- » Make notes about your ideas for serving:



# IN WHAT WAY(S) WILL WE SHARE THE GOSPEL?

- » What are some ways we can connect them to God?
- » What options would be best for sharing the Gospel (see the list on the "Outreach Ideas" page.
- » Is it possible for us to pray for that group or with that group?
- » What will we do, send, or give them to connect them to our local church or youth group?





# OUTREACH IDEAS

**Step 1 – Who do we want to serve?** If there are other groups in your school, or God gives you another group to serve, add them to this list.

## Sports

Baseball Team  
Basketball Team  
Cheerleaders  
Cross Country Team  
Field Hockey Team  
Football Team  
Golf Team  
Ice Hockey Team  
Lacrosse Team  
Rugby Team  
Soccer Team  
Softball Team  
Swim Team  
Tennis Team  
Track & Field Team  
Volleyball Team  
Wrestling Team

## The Arts

Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Dance Team  
Drill Team  
Jazz Band  
Jazz Choir  
Marching Band  
Musical  
Play  
Theatre

## Academic Groups

Chess Team  
Debate Team  
Mock Trial Team  
National Honor Society  
Speech Team

## Interest Groups

Art Club  
Environmental Club  
Drama Club  
Film Club  
FFA  
Gaming Clubs  
Gay-Straight Alliance  
Happy Hands Club  
Language Clubs  
Model UN  
Newspaper  
Relay for Life  
SADD Club  
Science Club  
Student Government  
Writing Club  
Yearbook

## School Structure

Sixth Grade  
Seventh Grade  
Eighth Grade  
Ninth Grade  
Tenth Grade  
Eleventh Grade  
Twelfth Grade  
Then Entire School

## Sub-cultures

Atheists  
Athletes  
Gamers  
Musicians  
Kids  
Skaters  
Teachers  
Trans Students

**Step 2 – What will we do to serve them?** Here are some ideas of things previous Youth Alive Clubs have done to serve other student groups. If you have other ideas, add them to this list.

Celebrate an Achievement  
Wrap Party (for a musical or end of sports season)  
Hand out Water  
Hand out Gatorade  
Ice Cream Party/Sundae Bar  
Encouraging Notes  
Clean Something Up

Spaghetti Dinner  
Pizza Party  
Movie Night  
Pay for Lunch  
Appreciation Lunch  
Social Media Shout Outs  
Make Support Signs and Posters

**Step 3 – In what way(s) will we share the Gospel?** If you want to share Jesus, serving is not enough. For the Gospel to be shared you must bring God's name into your serving. Here are some ideas of things previous Youth Alive Clubs have done to share the Gospel as they serve. If you have other ideas, add them to this list.

Thank You Message  
Testimony  
Video  
Movie  
Music  
Object Lesson

Conversations  
Bibles  
Books  
Relevant Bible Lesson  
Sermon/Message  
Prayer



# OUTREACH PLANNING BOARD

Fill this document out for each outreach you want to do. It will help you make sure many of the details are taken care of so you can be successful in sharing Jesus.

<b>What group are we serving?</b>	<b>What are we doing to serve them?</b>
<b>Where and when will this outreach take place?</b> When is the best time for the group we are serving?	<b>Who, from our Movement, will be involved?</b>
<b>Do we need invite/ask this group to serve them?</b> If yes, who will be in charge of communicating with the group we are serving?	<b>What things do we need for this to be successful?</b> Who will be in charge of getting the things we need?
<b>Do we need to advertise this outreach?</b> Who will be in charge of advertising?	<b>Do we need help from parents, youth pastors, etc?</b> Who will ask for help?
<b>What are we going to do to share the Gospel?</b>	<b>Who will be responsible to share the Gospel?</b>
<b>What will we do to invite this group to join our Movement?</b>	<b>What will we do to invite this group to our church?</b>



# YOUTH ALIVE CLUB YEARLY PLANNER

	Theme/Big Ideas	Outreach Ideas
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		



# YOUTH ALIVE CLUB MONTHLY PLANNER

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

	Write in leader, topic, fun, and message ideas for each week.
Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
OUR OUTREACH FOR THIS MONTH IS:	