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Team Meetings

Sample Agendas

Orientation Meeting

- Goals, expectations
- Costs, fundraisers
- Video, pictures, maps of Mexico and Living Hope International ministries

Other Discussions

- Team expectations
- Cultural differences
- Mexican food
- Weather
- Spiritual climate

Trip Specific Project Issues

- Trip theme
- Ministry materials
- Tools
- Schedules
- Drama, music, children's activities
- Testimonies appropriate for children

Language Teaching/Learning

- Songs
- Scriptures
- Needed materials

Fundraising Ideas for Mission Teams

Remember these are just ideas, you can do many more things to raise funds

- Car Wash
- Concession Stand at Car Wash
- Clean-a-thon
- Jog-a-thon
- Candy Sales
- Fundraising Letters
- Garage Sale
- Bake Sale
- Christmas tree sale
- Missions Offering
- Auction
- Missions Luncheon/Banquet
- Missions Dinner Theater
- Donut Sale
- Sale of pizza coupons
- Creative ideas approved by your church

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Suggestions for Children's Activities

The lists below are only suggestions to give ideas of things to do with the kids. We encourage you to be creative and come up with your own ideas as well. The team will need to bring all the items to do the activities unless it is communicated that specific items are available at Esperanza Viva Youth Home.

If you have a team of sufficient size, we have found it is a good idea to break up the kids into smaller groups and have up to three different activities going on at once.

Activities for younger kids

- Music, singing
- Puppets, clowns, face painting
- Skits, dances
- Soccer or basketball
- Any type of collage or scrap-booking type of project
- Make bracelets or necklaces, macramé or beads
- Story time, reading to kids. (You should practice reading Spanish children's books ahead of time.)
- Coloring books for various ages
- Snacks or treat

Activities with the older (16 years+) kids.

The STM coordinator typically schedules special times to spend with the teen boys and girls as they often have competing responsibilities during the afternoons. If you wish to plan activities with these older children, please let your coordinator know you wish to do so.

- Share testimonies
- Snack/movie night with devotions or a lesson
- Play ice-breaker games
- Perform a drama or dance
- Lead a time of singing and worship
- Soccer, basketball, baseball, touch football, etc.
- Christian videos

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