



Below is the result of an online survey in Feb, 2009 of “creative things to do” for single adults ministry. I got back more than 100 surveys with over 1000 ideas. However, most were pretty much the same stuff we all know and I don't think I need to list them. So what I have done is listed the things that either came up only once or just a few times. I hope this helps to get the juices flowing for those of you that have done everything and want something new OR for those who are creatively challenge. Blessings, Kris

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REMEMBER: Involved people, have fun, provide good communication of where it is, whose it's for, and multiple locations of this information. Be sure to have a contact person listed in all forms of communication. Include God in all that you do. Realizing that some events are simply a mingle event while others have a goal to reach the lost. Always pray ahead of time (if not prior to the event), asking God for guidance. Remember when planning events to think of single parents, lost/new people (be careful of speaking in Christianize), people on a budget, age it's focused at, etc...oh, and have a rain date/alternative plan. When you are organized it shows, not only about your ministry but how well you are being a good steward of your ministry.

FOOD:

Dessert: Make your own Sundae where people bring their toppings to share. You could also have a smoothie or milkshake night.

Appetizer Hop: Find an area of your city that house a lot of restaurants all together and go from one to the next (walking), preferably not sitting down. Everyone brings \$1 bills and you buy 1-2 appetizers. Share. Pay with cash, drink water. Go the next restaurant, etc... End a final restaurant where you eat dinner or dessert. (this can be fun in a mall as well)

Progressive Dinner: Singles, youth, teachers, married couples, etc.. host 4 parts of a dinner that singles visit. House one: Appetizer, House two; Salad, three: Meal, fourth: Dessert...you can also do this backwards.

Breakfast: Serving breakfast for events normally designed for dinners such as Valentines, New Years Eve, Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving, etc...

Dinners for 8 or less: Divide your group up and have them bring a friend and have dinners in several homes in one night. You could have a theme or goal specific for the evening.

Chili Bakeoffs or other types of food competitions like Iron Chef.

SPORTS

Hike: You can pair or group singles together to find different kinds of plants or rocks.

Dance lessons: Take a group and learn ballroom or line dancing and then have a dance.

Prayer walking through community or town.

Any physical sport such hiking/canoeing/rafting, etc.: take it to the next level with a history lesson, tree/wild-life identification, prayer, etc..

Amazing Race idea/Survivor.

Fashion show for ladies.

Kite flying/frisbee golf/laser tag

BIBLE STUDY:

Start with a Bible study/Devotion: Then follow-up with an event related to it. i.e. Jesus fed the 5,000, then work in the soup kitchen, etc..

Take characters out the bible: Who are you most like and why?

Costume contest: Using only elements around you, at church, at a hotel while on a retreat, dress up like a Bible character.

MUSIC/DRAMA:

Karaoke: You can now purchase Christian Karaoke music.

Form a group to learn sign language to music.

Write and act out a play/skit specific to what you are learning.

COMMUNITY:

Scavenger Hunt: Option A: Give out a list of items they have to get (the theme can relate to something you are studying church or among church members to get to know them or strangers for the purpose of witnessing); Option B: Give out a list of places they have to go and have them bring back a business card to dinner napkin to prove they were there. Option C: Trade Up: Start off with a church coffee mug or t-shirt and they have to trade up to something better. You can divide the areas of the city for them to travel. Again, location can be based on a theme, church members, random businesses, etc....you hope they end up coming back with a TV, jewelry, iPod, etc...you can then donate the items, silent auction them or give out as door prizes. OPTIONS for all: Video-tape/take pictures it all to show at the end. Also, you can use humans that you have to gather along the way.

Movie night with a twist: Show or see a secular movie that would spark conversation that could lead to a discussion about the Lord.

Pottery shop: Visit a local paint your own and sit with people you don't know to get to know them.

Tour of home city: Go on a tour of your hometown, learning all about it. Include museums and buildings of importance.

Mystery dinner theatre: Create one yourself for others. You can also use the game "clue" to help.

Start a walking/running/quilting/scrap booking/pottery/etc...clubs.

Bonfire/hayrides: You can do this year round and end with a wiener roast/s'mores.

Take pictures: Take pictures of places in your city. Then show on the wall. Put people in small groups and have them guess what the pictures are or where.

Redo/create modern day versions of old TV shows such a "To tell the truth", Dating Game, The Gong show, What's my line, etc..to even today's shows such as the Price is Right or Jeopardy.

Mad Hatter night or Crazy socks or Crazy sweater night

ROAD TRIPS:

Day trips: Pick places that have something you can learn from them. They could be a part of a scavenger hunt to get there. Perhaps you could have a competition of visiting all the cities within 2 hours drive all directions. Be creative as far a cost, encouraging people to bring their lunches.

Plays/local productions such as high school plays.

Dinner cruises/Ferry/boat rides. (combine any of these with scavenger hunt)

WEEKEND TRIPS:

Camping: Add communion to your trip. If you're close to water, perhaps you can have celebrated your salvation by being baptized again.

Getting away: Camping, staying in someone's home, hotel, etc..the point is to get away.

Create your own weekend of prayer where you have intentional steps for your singles to make while being quiet, with no cell phone, no TV or music.

ANY EVENT that separates the sexes apart, allowing them to build each other up. For example, "Mancation". A Mancation is a time specific to men whether at your church or away where the time is spent doing man things such as golf, hunting, rafting, camping, fishing, etc... In the same way, women can have spa weekends where they either give each other manicures or bring in a Mary Kay rep or actually go to a spa.

OTHER:

Bring in someone who specializes in a certain area such as homes, stocks, finances, raising kids, etc...to teach a short message, allowing time for questions.

International night: Celebrate different parts of the world, learning about the culture, the people there, what they believe, etc..come dressed the part; bring a food dish, etc..you could have a missionary share, learn a dance, eat something different, play a sport, etc..

Try here too for more ideas.

http://singles.ag.org/index.php?Itemid=2281&id=2478&option=com_content&task=view

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