

Forming a Youth Group – What’s Important

1. Invite everyone to the first meeting –Offer food!
2. At the first meeting, find out what they want to do. Pass around a sign-up sheet to collect phone numbers and email addresses. Text the youth, email the adults. *(Note: be sure to follow your church’s Safe Conduct policies when communicating with youth; always copy parents.)*
3. Create a plan for the year: include fun activities and fundraisers if you are doing a mission trip.
4. Empower the youth to do the organizing and to create the materials needed for successful events: posters, signup sheets, decorations, letters, etc.
5. Create a newsletter and other methods of communicating with everyone. Signup sheets become handy tools.
6. Talk to other churches; google the internet; get ideas; do some activities together with other churches.
7. Get to know the youth and their parents at every event: mingle!