

## Associational VBS Standard

Begin the VBS year by setting a goal to complete 12 or more of the following requirements. Once completed duplicate and mail the application for recognition to your state convention VBS promoter. (Please do not mail to LifeWay Christian Resources.) Upon receipt of your application, your state office will mail a certificate of recognition for Standard associational VBS work.

- 1. Begin planning in October.
- 2. As an associational VBS team set goals in at least five of the following areas:
  - Number of churches conducting VBS
  - Total enrollment of church VBSs reported
  - Number of Backyard Kids Clubs reported
  - Number of mission VBSs reported
  - Number of VBS Link-ups reported
  - Number of VBS faculty attending associational VBS clinics
  - Number of pastors attending associational VBS clinics
- 3. Enlist associational team members who currently serve their churches in the age groups for which they are enlisted.
- 4. Order curriculum and other resources and distribute to team members before the state VBS clinic.
- 5. Have all associational team members attend the state VBS clinic and lead at least one associational VBS clinic in the area for which they are trained.
- 6. When scheduling associational VBS clinics, give consideration to the varied needs of churches. Schedule an adequate number of clinics to meet these needs.
- 7. Conduct a Jump Start/Early Planning Conference for pastors and church VBS directors at least six weeks before the first associational VBS clinic.
- 8. Secure a list of churches/missions that did not report VBS or mission VBS last year. Enlist team members to contact each church to offer participation in the VBS Link-up Plan and other assistance that encourages the church to conduct VBS.
- 9. As a team develop a promotion plan to increase attendance at associational VBS clinics by at least 5 percent.
- 10. Have 75% or more of churches and established missions represented at associational VBS clinics.
- 11. Of the churches and established missions represented at associational VBS clinics, have 75% or more of the VBS directors and/or pastors in attendance.

- 12. Have 75% or more of churches and established missions in the association report a VBS or mission VBS during the year.
- 13. As a team develop a plan for promoting Backyard Kids Clubs and mission VBSs that include at least one faculty training event.
- 14. Have 10% of churches and established missions report at least one Backyard Kids Club or mission VBS during the year.
- 15. Promote VBS, Backyard Kids Clubs and mission VBSs as successful methods for beginning new Sunday School units and churches.
- 16. Work with a church planter to use VBS, Backyard Kids Club or mission VBS as a kick-off event to start a new church.
- 17. Challenge churches to commit to creating at least one ongoing adult Connection Group for unchurched adults discovered during VBS. Connection Groups should begin the Sunday following VBS.
- 18. Link-up with a neighboring association in need of assistance to promote and provide VBS training. Begin identifying and training team members to help the association build its own team for the future.
- 19. Involve the associational VBS team in developing and implementing a plan for follow-up to churches throughout the summer, in obtaining VBS reports, and in encouraging planning for mission VBSs and Backyard Kids Clubs.
- 20. Compile a final report of all associational VBS clinics and mail to the state VBS promoter within two weeks of the last associational VBS clinic date.

**MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR STATE CONVENTION VBS PROMOTER**

Associational VBS Director \_\_\_\_\_

Association \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The following associational actions were met to qualify our association for Standard recognition. (Check appropriate boxes. 12 or more are required for recognition.)

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