

# Preparing a Youth Gathering

## The Basics

**Date:**

**Theme or topic:**

**Title:**

**Participants:**

**Length of gathering:**

**Resources and materials needed:**

## Your Detailed Plan

### Overall Atmosphere

Who will welcome participants as they arrive? Do you need any activities to welcome them, such as the creation of a nametag or a sign-in sheet? Will music be playing?

### Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Who will make the opening remarks and introductions? Who needs to be introduced?

### Community-Building Activities (15 to 20 minutes)

What activity or activities will build community and lead into the topic of the gathering?

**Content (50 to 75 minutes)**

What content will be covered and what methods will be used to get it across?

**Announcements and Sign-Ups for Future Programs or Events (5 minutes)**

**Closing Prayer (5 to 15 minutes)**

**Social Time with Refreshments (15 minutes)**

**Follow-Up to the Gathering**

What follow-up needs to take place after this gathering? Should you make phone calls or send e-mails to the young people?

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