

LIBERTY CAMP FOR KIDS!

A 5-Day American History interactive camp for ages 8-12

An Outline/Overview

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Welcome to Liberty Camp

- Similar format to Vacation Bible School
- Immerse children in a week of colonial life
- Teach a Biblical Worldview rather than a secular worldview (creation rather than evolution)
- Teach the American View

Where Do I Start?

- Prayerful consideration – God is your most important partner
- Select a steering committee
 - Frequency and location of meetings
 - Large enough to generate ideas and creativity
 - Small enough to easily reach consensus
 - 10-12 seems to be a good size
 - Can add people as you identify skills needed
 - Not all volunteers need to be on steering committee.
 - Network – “Who do you know who _____?”
- Key positions
 - Camp Director
 - Assistant or Co-Director
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Registration
 - Publicity
 - Fundraising
 - Station Leaders
- Additional Volunteers – add as you go
 - Governors
 - snacks
 - First aid
 - Activities/Games
 - Characters
 - Costumes/Seamstresses
 - Photographer/Videographer

Lay the Foundation

- Sponsoring organization
 - Tea Party, 9-12 Liberty Group
 - Church
 - Civic organization
 - Historical Society or group
 - Sponsor lends credibility and can help with funding.
 - Learning Enterprises – Essential Educational Experiences
- Set dates and times for camp – morning/afternoon/evening
- Select a venue
 - Indoor/Outdoor/Combination
 - Restroom facilities
 - Shelter for inclement weather
 - Electricity
 - Supply storage
 - Sound system/other A/V needs
- Liability Insurance
- Background checks for volunteers
- Fundraising
 - CVA (Concerned Veterans for America)
 - Civic groups
 - Politicians
 - Local businesses
 - Wallbuilders
 - Monetary and in-kind
- Recognition of Donors
- Donor Levels/names
 - Minuteman - \$25
 - Watchman - \$50
 - Patriot - \$100
 - Founder - \$250
- Publicity
 - Social media – website – updates, donor button, registration, e-mail, Facebook
 - Phone number – Google Voice is free
 - Flyers – post in businesses, library, etc.
 - Newspaper – feature stories are free, paid ad
 - Television & Radio

- Homeschool networks
- churches
- Word of mouth/networking
- Registration
 - Age limit for campers
 - Maximum number of campers
 - Deadline for registration
- Registration Forms
 - Liberty Camp promo flyer
 - Letter from Camp Director
 - Overview of Daily Activities
 - Registration Form
 - Waiver of Liability
 - Photo Release Form
 - Liberty Camp Rules
 - Picnic RSVP
- Camp Fees
 - Investment reduces no shows
 - Parents pay large sums for sports camps and other activities
 - \$15 per child/\$5 for additional children in family
 - Discount for children whose parents volunteer
 - Scholarships

Curriculum Resources

- Constitutional Champions Foundation
 - The Patriot Camp Handbook \$16.00
 - www.constitutionalchampions.org
 - www.the912-project.com/constitutionalchampions
- Ivory Notebook
 - Vacation Liberty School Curriculum
 - Exploring Black Patriots
 - www.ivorynotebook.com
- Wallbuilders
 - Barton's Founders' Bible
 - Posters
 - Posters of original documents
 - coloring book
- Institute on the Constitution
- Sons of the American Revolution – local chapters – www.ohssar.org

Opening Ceremony

- 6:15 – 6:30 Patriotic Music
- Opening begins at 6:30
 - Prayer
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - National Anthem
- Monday
 - Assigned to groups – red, white, blue
 - Meet Governors
 - Receive name tags, wrist bands, coin pouches
 - silicone wristbands – no latex;
 - Allergies & important info on back of name tag
- Tuesday
 - Folding of the flag
 - Meaning of each fold – www.aflag.com/folding
- Wednesday - Presentation of Colors
- Thursday – History and verses to Star Spangled Banner
- Friday – No special activity

Daily Schedule

- Monday through Thursday
 - Learning Station by group – 20 minutes
 - Activity – all groups – 20 minutes
 - Learning Station by group – 20 minutes
 - Snack – all groups – 20 minutes
 - Learning Station by group – 20 minutes
 - Closing – all groups
 - 5-minute transition between activities

A Theme for Each Day

- Monday – Colonial Life
- Tuesday – The Rebellion
- Wednesday – The Revolution
- Thursday – The Constitution
- Friday – Family Night

Monday – Colonial Life

- Learning Stations
 - Magna Charta

- Jamestown Colony
- The Pilgrims
- Activity
 - Grinding corn
 - Making butter
- Snack – Cornbread with butter & Lemonade
- Children begin earning gold coins

Tuesday – The Rebellion

- Learning Stations
 - Peter Muhlenberg
 - The Boston Massacre & Boston Tea Party
 - John Dye
- Activity – Boston Tea Party
- Snack – Oatmeal Cookies, Iced Tea, Make root beer

Wednesday – The Revolution

- Learning Stations
 - Valley Forge/Foxy Hollow/Continental Army
 - Militia
 - Mr, Dye
- Activity – Valley Forge
- Snacks – Pretzels, Root Beer, Story of the Gadsden Flag

Thursday – The Constitution

- Learning Stations
 - Elizabeth Baker – Ancestor’s Story
 - Mr. Dye
 - The Constitution
- Activity – Tootsie Roll Tax
- Snack – Patriotic freeze pops

Daily Closing

- Governor’s collect: wrist bands, name tags, coin pouches
- Prayer
- Sign out

Friday – Family Night

- Opening

- Picnic
- Declaration of Independence
 - The American View
 - Baking soda and vinegar demonstration
 - Campers use quill pens to sign their own DOI
- Patriot Dodge Ball
- Liberty Store
- Bags & notebooks given to each camper
- Camper Evaluation