



Team Building

FOR CLUB LEADERS

Special Event!

Help club leaders get to know each other better and catch the vision for their Pioneer Clubs year

Refreshments

Provide refreshments. Begin the meeting as club leaders eat.

Introductions

Let club leaders introduce themselves, tell which age group they will be working with, and name one thing they like about kids.

Vision and Goals - Add your ideas to these.

For Leaders.

Discuss what a club leader is: a mentor more than an instructor, someone who guides by example and interaction more than by formal teaching, a relationship builder, a role model and so on. Talk about how Pioneer Clubs® is a relationship-based program and how team leadership helps fulfill this. Discuss your vision of how leaders will work with each other and with you, and what support you will give them.

For the Club.

Discuss goals you and your committee have set for the year. Ask club leaders how they think club will help children put "Christ in every aspect of life." Write these phrases on the board or easel pad:

- Vision/Goals for Myself as a Club Leader
- Vision/Goals for Working Together as Coleaders
- Vision/Goals for the Kids

Give groups of coleaders time to discuss these areas.

Stories

Have one or more returning club leaders tell an encouraging story about something that helped them see how worthwhile it is to be a Pioneer Clubs leader: a child's behavior changing, a child accepting Jesus as Savior, club members diving into a service project, and so on.

Team Building Activities

Have coleaders form groups for these activities.

Connections. Give groups 5 minutes to find something surprising that pairs of coleaders—or even the whole group—have in common. The more surprising and out of the ordinary, the better. Share results after time is up.

Sketching Blind. One person in each group will be the artist. Give him or her paper and pencil. Give the coleader(s) one of the patterns on the following page. Artist and coleader(s) should face away from each other. The coleader(s) describe the pattern to the artist and the artist draws it as best he or she can, without talking. When time is up, let groups compare drawings. Try again with new artists. Afterward, ask: What can we learn from this about communication?

Penny Logos. Give groups lots of pennies. Let them use their own change, too. Give them 5-10 minutes to create a team logo out of the pennies. It could reflect their personalities, vision for their club, hopes and goals, and so on. Option: Let them add items from their pockets or purses. Let groups explain their logos when time is up.

Devotional

Give a volunteer two pieces of string. His or her job is to get the strings tied together in a knot—with hands behind back. Let the others make suggestions. Reveal the secret if no one thinks of it: Ask someone to help.

Lots of activities go better with a helper!

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

- What kinds of jobs are easier with two or more people than by yourself?
- Why do you think Jesus wanted a team instead of going it alone?
- What are you looking forward to about having a club leadership team?
- How can you grow as a team?

Let coleaders spend some time praying for their team, their club kids, and all that the year has in store.

