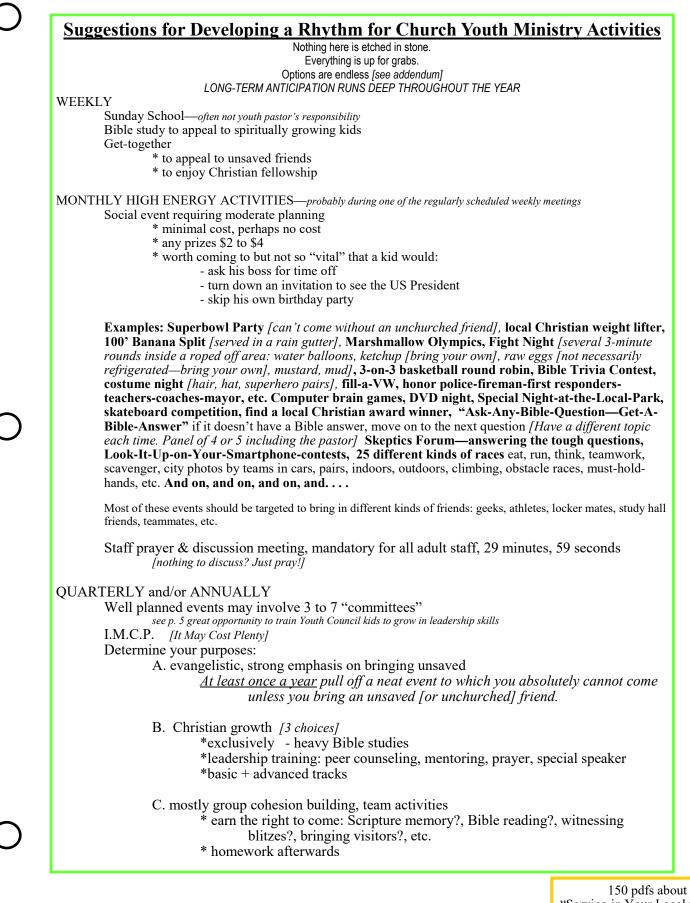
## YOUTH PASTORS MUST DEVELOP AN ANNUAL RHYTHM OF EVENTS



D. banquet:

- \* honors and awards: Scripture mem? Bringing friends? student leadership recognition? honor graduates, athletes, coaches, teachers, police?
- \* bring parents?
- \* serve the church leadership?

E. mission trip or Project

- \* VBS in Oatar?
- \* raising \$1,000 for a missionary
- F. other—white water rafting, paint widow's house, Superbowl, 6-day camp, snow camp in Tennessee. . .

Always plan excitement around pubic school "days off" plus summer'ps break

- \* definitely worth paying for a friend's fee
- \* lots of hype for many weeks [months?]
- \* worth missing your own birthday party
- \* worth rearranging your family vacation dates
- \* may require church funding [or permission]
- \* talk about event for months ahead of time
  - skits to get kids to save money
  - video blips from last year
  - solicit prayer partners from congregation to pray for specific kids
    - \* 3 weeks prior to major events blitz the adults with specific prayer requests: numbers to attend, decisions to be made, finances, new kids who are being invited [by name], topics which will be covered at special sessions, etc.
    - \* List the specific times of the day when prayer is most needed.
    - \* A note of thanks to your "Prayer Battalion" is always appreciated.
  - contact parents who do not attend the church far in advance

## Addendum

Bible quiz teams competing against other churches Weekly witnessing at the mall, sports events, parks. . . Online Bible courses Student-run children's weekly Bible Clubhouse in a home Tutoring, afterschool activities Interchurch or community soccer competition Gym night at the church, weekly—a low-key evangelism outreach, 10-minute "Bible Time" Volunteer at Boys & Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Meals-on-Wheels, downtown rescue mission, food bank, hospital visitation, hospice visitation, AIDS visitation, Boy & Girls Scouts Youth serve as bus captains for church bus ministry Youth float at annual city parade Picket abortion clinics, or help at crisis pregnancy centers See-You-At-The-Pole prayer meeting each September Street preaching Denominational, regional and national, youth competition: art, music, preaching VBS overseas Serve as AWANA leaders & helpers