

MISSION CAMP: RED SPRINGS

NC Baptist Coed Missions

A. **INVITE** (preparation)

1. Preview this month's video segment, story, and meeting plan.
2. Copy bulletin inserts – one for every two bulletins. Cut full pages in half and place in bulletins the week before the meeting. (see "resources" section to the side)
3. In addition to the bulletin inserts, promote your meeting during announcement times, in the church newsletter, through e-mails, and through any other opportunity.
4. Copy participant's guide – one per person.

B. **INTRODUCE** (15 minutes)

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer. Welcome the group. Tell them what the meeting will be about. (Make sure that you begin and end on time). If you wish, use the promotional sentences or information from the participant's guide to introduce the study. Pray, asking God to open ears, hearts, and minds as we study what He is doing in the world. (5 minutes)
2. Reports – Take just a few minutes to report very briefly on recently completed or plans for upcoming mission projects, activities, and/or offerings. (5 minutes)
3. Worship. Lead the group in the singing of one or two praise choruses or choruses from familiar hymns. Singing will set a worshipful tone to your meeting. Enlist help from your music minister or other musically gifted church member – or consider the use of a worship DVD. (5 minutes)

C. **EXPLORE** (35 minutes)

1. Scripture. Read or ask a volunteer to read the Scripture verse listed on the participant's guide. (1 minute)
2. Introduction. Give some pre-video comments. Example: "North Carolinians reached out in Gulfport, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Now, we have the opportunity to make the same kind of difference in North Carolina. Let's find out more." (4 minutes)
3. Video. Show the video. Videos vary from 3-10 minutes. Adjust your time between video and testimony time in accordance to video length. (5-10 minutes)
4. Testimony. Consider enlisting someone who has participated in this particular mission to come speak to your group. If no one from your church has participated, there is a good possibility that someone in a neighboring or nearby church has. Contact the NC Baptist Men's Office to get suggestions. [1-800-395-5102 x 5607] (20-25 minutes)

D. **INVOLVE** (10 minutes)

1. Give. Inform participants that ministries such as the Mission Camp in Red Springs are supported by gifts to the NC Missions Offering (NCMO).
2. Go. Let participants know that Red Springs Mission Camp is a great way to involve the whole church in missions right here in North Carolina. There is opportunity for men, women, and youth. Contact Mary Mountz at NC Baptist Men to express interest (1-800-395-5102 x 5606 or mmountz@ncbaptist.org) or go to our website at www.ncmissions.org for more information. [Projects/North Carolina/Red Springs].
3. Pray. Divide into groups of three and pray. Pray for those in need in Red Springs and other places in our state, that they might find help and hope. Pray for volunteers who give of their time and talents, that God would work through them to touch lives. Pray for the coordinators and other leaders who make the mission camps run that God would give them love, patience, and discernment. After several minutes, end this time of group prayer with an audible prayer.

E. **CLOSE**

Thank the group for coming. Encourage them to continue praying for the ministry at the Red Springs Mission Camp.