

101 things to do in a local CS mission

Group Meetings

1. Ding repair night, done over a few weeks bring those dings along and call on an expert if needed
2. Surf slide night, call on pro photographers or older surfers who have surf slides
3. Big screen surf movie, borrow a video projector, choose a venue (indoor or open air) and show a surf movie.
4. Old surf movie. An old classic 16mm movie can be a great drawcard.
5. Surf Coaching. You can train surfers in their surfing on all levels. Go surf, get video footage, come back and review it.
6. Judging and contest training. Teach how to judge and in doing so how to compete well.
7. Surf and meet, nothing like summer time for extended hours to surf then meet at the beach.
8. Surf and eat....like the previous but bring food to the beach and meet there.
9. Dinner. Food is the universal language of love. All manner of meals can be cooked and in a home environment this is a powerful icebreaker.
10. Bible study. It goes without saying that a surfer friendly bible study is a must for every meeting.
11. Surf theme bible study series eg: 'the search', or 'Jesus would go', or 'commitment', etc. that can lend itself to various bible passages
12. Small groups. Break into smaller groups for discussions as part of bible study and discussion
13. Surf video, have the grommets bring the latest video, include bodyboarding as well as surfing.
14. Testimonies. Get guest speakers in to share the gospel from a range of background, not always surfers.
15. Pro Tour. If you have a pro contest in town have a guest speaker from amongst them. If they are Christians have them share their faith, if not, have them share about surfing and you share your faith.
16. Shape a surfboard, go to a factory or bring a shaper to your local meeting and shape over a couple of weeks.
17. Glass a surfboard, this requires some suitable area.
18. Big wave training theme. Do a range of activities that extend big wave awareness via breath holding, beatings, video footage, equipment, stories.
19. Do a theme surf contest eg: history event, family team etc.
20. Run a father son surf camp
21. Run a women's only surf camp
22. Run a beginners surf camp
23. Do a small group camp
24. Go bowling
25. Indoor soccer
26. Girls special day trip or surf outing
27. Spontaneous day trip when the waves are on
28. Take the guys surfing before work/school
29. Run a 'learn to surf' group for a number of weeks
30. Meet at one of the participants home
31. Have a family night you can invite parents to (no doubt requires sending them invitations, teenagers will never invite them)
32. Do a day trip somewhere different.
33. Go free diving and catch fish on a flat day
34. Serve at your local secular surfing titles with a bbq or other helps

35. Have a teams challenge with a secular surfing group
36. Join your secular surfing association or club
37. Turn up at secular surfing meetings and share an opinion
38. Do a servanthood role at a pro contest
39. Visit local surf shops regularly and post cs programs there
40. Remember your local surfers birthdays and send a card or call.
41. Send a postcard from a surf trip to your members
42. Interview newcomers to your group as a welcome and icebreaker
43. Do a fundraiser via a 'surf a thon' or 'paddle a thon' that serves others as well as yourselves
44. Sponsor some community need
45. Sponsor a needy child with your CS group
46. Be supportive of your lifeguards
47. Join your local surf lifesaving organisation
48. Do a resuscitation demonstration
49. Make a customised program that members would be glad to take home
50. Have your members write up a program with interesting interview
51. Stick up CS posters at convenient surf and community noticeboards
52. Set up a local website
53. Get a solid database of contacts and mail out programs and other upcoming specials
54. Collect email addresses and send update emails
55. Write up some news for your local newspaper surfing column
56. Inform your radio surf reporter of CS activities
57. Become the local surf reporter!
58. Take lots of photos and keep a photo album
59. Do discipleship 'one on one' of new Christians or inquiring ones.
60. Use the 'grommet guide to growth' for basic bible studies
61. Use the surfing comics by CS as part of your meetings for study.
62. Use the surfer friendly bible studies attached to the surf comics
63. Scan surfing magazines for inspirational quotes, themes and comments to use in talks
64. Use the 'grommet guide to god' as a giveaway to young surfers wherever you go.
65. Ring a new non Christian friend instead of a Christian to go for a surf
66. Surf at the most crowded breaks at the most crowded times and get exposure
67. Aim to give away a wave every session
68. Get to know one new person each time you surf and record their name
69. Befriend some surfer who is learning and help them out
70. Attend a surf movie premiere
71. Introduce yourself to any new surf shop staff or owners
72. Design a local t-shirt or sticker and hold a design competition
73. Have a surfboard decorating night and customise surfboards with markers
74. Do a surf theme pool party
75. Plan for a radical surf trip overseas
76. Do a big wave surfari for older guys
77. Get a bunch of old surfboards to use on small days and attract people
78. Invite a guest surfer to share his travel experience with a gospel story
79. Encourage young surfers to pray for one another out loud.

Leadership Development

80. Have at least a monthly leaders meeting
81. Meet and pray at 6.30am at a beach location for the early pray instead of surf
82. Go on a leadership retreat once a year.
83. Have a definite allocation of activity and bible studies to leaders to develop them
84. Apprentice junior leaders
85. Send leaders to CS conference
86. Have leaders attend church training course
87. Surf together and share other times outside of meetings
88. Do a first aid and resuscitation certificate
89. Do some training in how to prepare a gospel talk

90. Include spouses and families of leaders for special fellowship

Church Connection

91. Have your pastor as a guest speaker
92. Do a CS service at your church where you run the service with a surfer theme.
Ingredients can include:- surf comic skit, interviews, big screen footage of cs activities, cs promo video, surf quiz icebreaker, surf equipment displayed, surfing theme gospel talk.
93. Go speak at church youth group
94. Do a combined cs/church youth activity or meeting
95. Surf and Church, take your local guys surfing combined with then going to church
96. Invite pastor to do a leadership input at your leaders meeting
97. Run your term program past the pastor
98. Have a CS display set up alongside the other missionaries
99. Run a surf coaching day for the church youth
100. Have a surfboard sign written that can be left in the church and used at other promo events
101. Call on church to assist with cooking, transport, contest, anything that doesn't need surfing ability

Surf theme bible studies

You need to keep the bible central in our teaching. You can always work through books of the bible chapter by chapter, but also it can help having some sort of theme.

Here are some ideas.....

- 'Best Moves' – cover a series of major biblical events that God proves himself
- 'God's big wave riders' – character studies of bible characters who went BIG eg: Moses, Elijah, Gideon, David, Paul, Jesus
- 'Go hard or go home - Standing at the Crossroads' – select a series of confrontational events where God's people had to make decisions.
- 'The Search' – using the Rip Curl theme, consider a series covering the theme of God seeking out people, and people seeking god.
- 'Solid Manoeuvres' – a heap of practical themes through Proverbs covering:- friendships, alcohol, sex, marriage, speech, leadership, work etc.
- 'Jesus Would Go'- go through a gospel looking at the life of Jesus as the ultimate example
- 'Surfing is my religion' – explore a series looking at Jesus teaching on discipleship in the gospels and how his discipleship is far superior to surfing.
- 'Surf Stories' – invite a number of guest testimonies along with teaching about changed lives in the bible.