

# *INFINITY SPORTS CAMP MANUAL FOR the LOCAL CHURCH*



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# INTRODUCTION

We **WELCOME** you to Infinity Sports Camps. Enclosed you will find information for our upcoming sports camp season. We began serving churches the summer of 2004 and have been in 11 states and DC during that time. We trust that if you decide to host a Sports Camp or have committed to hosting, it will be a rewarding experience for you, your leaders, and the campers involved.

The **PURPOSE** of our ministry is to love on the people we are serving while helping individuals grow in their faith by using sports as a platform to share Jesus. We pray that lives will be changed for the campers that attend, to the leaders you enlist, parents and church members that become aware of who we are.

*1 "And I, when I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. " 1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

# **INFINITY SPORTS CAMP INFORMATION**

## ***schedule - sports - age - equipment - helpers - registration***

1. Leadership
  - A. Our programming and staff training is conducted by three individuals with combined experience from
    - 1) Children's Ministry, Elementary Education teaching, Elementary Physical Education teaching, Sports Camp leadership, Coaching, Overseas Sports Missions trips, and Seminar Leadership.
2. Schedule
  - A. Schedule will include Recreation, Opening Session, Bible Study, Sport Time, Worship, and Closing Ceremonies (**see Appendix I for Sample Schedule, page 8**).
2. Sports
  - A. Sports being offered this summer include Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Volleyball, Flag Football, Softball, and Baseball. You select the sports you would like to offer based on anticipated number of campers.
3. Age
  - A. We accept campers that have completed Kindergarten prior to the summer up to those that have just graduated High School.
    - 1) Camper grade will be designated by the grade they just completed.
4. Equipment
  - A. Infinity Sports provides most of the necessary sports equipment to conduct a sport time.
5. Sport Servants (Those that assist our staff)
  - A. Schedule a Sport Servant Meeting for Sunday afternoon to discuss their role in the week.
  - B. We ask that you provide 1-2 Sport Servants per sport time.
  - C. Their role will consist of
    - 1) Assisting with designated responsibilities assigned by the sport time leader, 2) Helping with water breaks, 3) Taking children to the bathroom, 4) Assisting in the teaching if they are prepared, 5) confident in assisting and leading when necessary.
  - D. We desire that you select someone that
    - 1) Enjoys the sport they will help with, 2) Enjoys working with children, 4) Is enthusiastic, 5) will be a help to the program, and 6) Is willing to be available the entire week.
6. Camper Registration
  - A. You will be responsible to register campers for your week of camp.

# ***FEES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE***

1. Fees and Payment schedule
  - A. Minimum Number of Campers
    - 1) We request that a church have at least 50 campers registered.
    - 2) A church may have under 50 campers registered, but will pay for 50 campers.
    - 3) For example, if 45 campers are registered, the church will pay for 5 extra campers.
2. Sports Camp fees
  - A. Per person fee for a week of camp is **\$145**. This includes:
    - 1) A trained staff
    - 2) T Shirt
    - 3) A daily worship experience
    - 4) A week of solid Biblical instruction through Storying
    - 5) A week of Sports instruction with a Spiritual Emphasis
3. Payment schedule
  - A. 3 weeks after booking a summer camp, a \$2000 camp deposit is due for the upcoming summer ((the \$2000 deposit will be deducted from the final camp cost).
  - B. If a church cancels after April 1, the will forfeit \$1000 from the camp deposit..
  - C. Final camp payment will be due at the end of your week of camp minus the camp deposit.
4. Expenses to budget for
  - A. Snacks/Drinks
    - 1) Please provide daily snacks for the children



# ***BIBLE STUDY - PLAN OF SALVATION - FOLLOW-UP***

1. Bible Study
  - A. We provide all Bible study (Storying) materials.
  - B. Our staff is responsible for teaching our Bible study (Storying).
2. Plan of Salvation
  - A. Our Wednesday Bible study will consist of sharing the plan of salvation with the children.
  - B. Great care is taken in training our staff in presenting the plan of salvation to the children. Our desire is to present the Gospel without pressure.
  - C. Campers in 3rd grade and above will fill out a response card that provides coaches and church personnel with information related to their interest and/or commitment to Christ.
  - D. We provide needed time to talk with children that have specific questions about their relationship with Christ.
3. Follow-Up
  - A. For those campers on the Response Card who checked that they wanted to know more information about Christ, we ask that church personnel individually talk with those campers soon after being made aware of their information.
  - B. A copy of all response cards will be left with the church so that information about your church and additional follow up may be provided to campers.
  - C. Our partnership with you extends beyond us providing a sports camp experience. Our purpose is to use sports as a tool to reach children and families in your community, therefore please follow-up and nurture the seeds that have been planted.



# ***HOUSING AND MEALS***

1. We ask that the Host Church provide the following for our staff.
  - A. Housing beginning the Saturday before camp and ending after breakfast the Saturday after camp.
  - B. Meals beginning the Saturday evening before camp and ending after breakfast the Saturday after camp.
2. Infinity Sports Travel Schedule
  - A. The Infinity Sports team will arrive Saturday afternoon prior to camp and depart the following Saturday morning.
3. Housing
  - A. Hosting
    - 1) Be aware that Sunday afternoon and evening are major preparation times for the staff. Take that into consideration when making host home and meal preparation.
    - 2) If at all possible, keep housing split into the least amount of locations. This will make it easier for our Director to pick up staff each morning.
  - B. Options for Housing. Our team will be extremely flexible when it comes to housing. As long as they are able to get a good night's sleep, we are fine with either of the following options.
    - 1) Staying with families.
    - 2) Staying in a mission house.
    - 3) Stay at the church.
    - 4) Staying in a hotel.
  - C. Communication with host homes
    - 1) Infinity Sports Director will communicate number of staff and gender to Church contact personnel.
    - 2) Make sure Infinity Sports Director has phone numbers and address of host homes.
    - 3) Make sure host home understands meal arrangements for the week.
4. Meals
  - A. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are to be provided for the staff.
  - B. Options for Meals
    - 1) Host Home provides
    - 2) Church provides
    - 3) Sunday School class provides
    - 4) Church organization provides

## ***SALES ITEMS - PROMOTION***

1. Sales Items
  - A. We will provide a variety of sales items during the week.
    - 1) A table will need to be available to display the sales items.
2. Camp Promotion
  - A. Knowing that promoting an event is not always easy, here are some ways churches have promoted an Infinity Sports camp in the past.
    - 1) Schools
    - 2) Other churches
    - 3) Associational Office
    - 4) Church mailing list
    - 5) YMCA's or other Children's Community Centers
    - 6) Parent's from last summer
    - 7) After-school programs
    - 8) Camp Fairs (Parent Magazine)
    - 9) Camp Days at the Mall
    - 10) Radio
    - 11) TV
    - 12) Church Website
    - 13) Church Newsletter
    - 14) Children's Events
    - 15) Church Events





# APPENDIX I

## INFINITY SPORTS SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

**Schedules will vary from this schedule based on some of your church's needs.**

- 8:50 Recreation
- 9:05 Opening
- 9:45 Sports Experience #1 Skill Session (Sport 1)
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Sports Experience #1 Activity Session (Sport 1)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Bible Study Group Building
- 1:00 Bible Study
- 1:45 Sports Experience #2 Skills Session (Sport 2)
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Worship
- 3:30 Bible Study Games
- 4:00 Dismiss

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

- 12:45 Bible Study
- 1:30 Sports Experience #2 Skills Session (Sport 2)
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Worship
- 3:00 Closing Ceremonies
- 4:00 Dismiss

# APPENDIX II

## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in the **Infinity Sports Camp I**, for myself for personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of **Infinity Sports** Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT: (a) **Infinity Sports** ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inaction's, the actions or inaction's of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISK AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.
3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE **Infinity Sports**, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owner and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature (only if age 18 or over): \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR RELEASE

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF **Infinity Sports** ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATION AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18):

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