

Traditional Club
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How would you define club?

What are you trying to accomplish with club in your area/ministry?

My experience with club

- High school
 - Every week – traditional (paint war, one trivia night)
 - Freshmen peeing my pants during a skit
 - Becoming an upperclassmen
 - Senior year – skits, club talks, music
- College
 - Tried everything
 - Most effective way to share the gospel was with a traditional YL club
 - Sang different songs, played different games, in a church

Club can accomplish many things but the most important thing is a gospel proclamation.

YL CLUB: a fun outreach event that funnels kids towards a gospel proclamation

KEY #1: GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

- If this is our top priority, how do we do it best?

Key #2: the funnel

- There are events that have a gospel proclamation but does not funnel towards a gospel proclamation

We can try random events but from what I've experienced as a campaigner in high school, a volunteer leader in college, and now as a newer person on staff trying to start a club, a traditional club is the best tool we have in effectively setting up the gospel proclamation.

West Springfield

First couple years

- All area events, few or no WS kids, maybe once a semester traditional club
 - Felt like an event planner → NOT WORTH ITx
 - Leaders had no ownership
 - In a field, pool house
 - Made the talk horrible
 - Did not feel relational
 - Draw was the event, not the relationships
 - **If social media did not exist would people still know about club or events? At its core it should be relational**

- Sporadic, inconsistent, never had a full club talk progression
- Nacho table/pumpkin carving

This fall

- Staff area planning
 - All area stuff was such a crutch
 - **If you're running all area events consistently, do your campaigners have a vision to reach the people at their schools? Or are events just a way for them to hang out with their friends from other schools?**
- Team → each shared our vision for the semester and collective decided we want to give traditional club a shot
- Campaigners → What is campaigners? What is club? What is your role in club?

4 Reasons why traditional club could be the most effective way of sharing the gospel with new lost kids

- 1) Relationally engages every kid
 - a) Club starts at 8:10am
 - b) Leaders know every campaigner kid there
 - c) Mixer
 - d) Songs
 - i) Looking in one direction, arms around each other
 - e) Skit
 - i) Laugh, celebrate
 - f) Engaged in everything = engaged in GP**
- 2) Funnels focus
 - a) Our order of the night
 - b) I have found no better way to set up the GP
- 3) Defines, serves, and supports leaders
 - a) Defines
 - i) Leaders are leading up front on the mics on a "stage"
 - ii) Looking to someone to lead them into fun
 - b) Serves
 - i) Plays to strengths
 - ii) Defined roles each club - **TALK ABOUT OUR TEAM**
 - c) Supports
 - i) Don't have to be the rules guy
 - ii) Jackie pictures
- 4) Campaigners get involved
 - a) Consistency and pattern
 - i) Know what they are inviting their friends to
 - ii) We call it "club" (no theme)
 - (1) Friendsgiving is an event with a club talk
 - iii) Teaches them how to use the tool
 - b) Give them small roles – **ownership**

- i) Huge for me as a campaigner
- ii) Lizzie → at her house, invites her friend Carly
- c) Last club – me and Jackie and 3 high schoolers

But does it still work?

Kids HAVE changed

- More anxious
- More risk-averse
- Don't like large crowds
- Fear embarrassment
- Higher appetite for comfort

BUT at their CORE they are still **RELATIONAL, ADVENTUROUS, AND FUN**

- Go where their friends go, where they feel known, where they feel invited
- Play those white girl bangers in the car and scream

Kids are literally trampling each other to get in the door of club at camp!

You are out: Doesn't mean your kids are. Doesn't mean it couldn't be effective in sharing the gospel.

Campaigner kids are out: Look a lot of different ways

- Have you pulled back the current to the "why" behind club? REALLY?
- Have you told them that campaigners is not just a bible study?
- Who are the one or two kids that can be on your team with you?

It might be safer for our campaigners and us to not run club. You don't have to make as many risky invites, you face less rejection, you have to expand your social circle. All things that are hard to convince kids to do. But what would our campaigner kids look like 3,4,5 years if they learned what it looks like now to take risks for the gospel now?

Picture a campaigner student or a student you're discipling

Not rhetorical → who do we hope they become in Christ? What long term vision do we have for their lives?

Lizzie:

- Follows Jesus forever, takes risk for the gospel, gets involved in a ministry in college, a good sister, friend, daughter, sees and experiences God in miraculous ways, has a heart for the lost, loves God's word

Lizzie and Carly story

- I think God using club sets up Lizzie to become these things I pray she becomes so well. The Spirit working in her, taking risks, seeing her friends encounter Jesus, exercise faith

Takeaway?
Questions?