

## Planning Your Camp Meetings and Events

### »Incorporating Your New Camp Meeting Materials

Following the recommended camp meeting procedure, your camp will have six DVD-based camp programs to schedule from June 2013 through May 2014. In addition to these six meetings, you will need to schedule your camp's annual elections, Annual Pastors Event, and the camp's Annual Membership Dinner, which may be held at any time during the year.

You will then have three remaining meetings to schedule. These meetings could be:

- One or two seasonal fellowships, such as a picnic or Christmas fellowship
- An area Faith Fund meeting
- A meeting featuring highlights from the state and/or international convention
- A presentation by a state officer, area director, regional program leader, etc.

If your camp elects to hold your Annual Pastors Event in the form of a breakfast or luncheon, without a Faith Fund offering, you will need to schedule a Faith Fund meeting in either July or December.

### »What if You're Scheduled for a Camp Development Plan?

If your camp is slated for a Camp Development Plan, schedule your camp meetings, working around your Camp Development Plan meeting. Then follow the outline in the *Camp Development Plan Training Manual (Form 134)*.

### »Setting Dates

If you are using the convenient online *Meeting & Event Planner* in *theConnection*, you can set the date by clicking on the meeting or event topic. If you are completing the *Meeting & Event Planner* on paper, simply fill in the date for your meeting on the line beside each program.

### »Planning Your Camp Events

Once your camp meetings are planned, you will then need to plan your camp events, starting with your monthly cabinet meetings. These should be scheduled at least one week prior to the camp meeting. Next, fill in the dates for the conventions and other events on the *Meeting & Event Planner*.

### »A Helpful Planning Tool

Some events require a great deal of planning, such as your Annual Pastors Event. The online *Meeting & Event Planner* features helpful calendars containing tasks to be completed. Assign individuals to complete these special tasks, as needed.

## Planning to Reach Your Camp Goals

**IMPORTANT:** Your camp goal planning activity is now done exclusively online. The *Goal Planners* for both Gideons and Auxiliary are in *theConnection*. Follow the same instructions for online completion of the *Meeting & Event Planner*.

- Plan and track the number of church presentations your camp will need to do each month to at least reach your goal for the fiscal year.
- Plan and track the number of Scripture distributions you will conduct this year.
- Plan and track the number of GideonCard presentations your camp makes.

## A Note on Scheduling Your Annual Pastors Event

Your camp can elect to hold your Annual Pastors Event in the form of a breakfast, luncheon, or traditional evening banquet. There are different agendas for the breakfast/luncheon event and the traditional banquet. Please refer to the *Church Ministry Program Manual (Form 223)* for the specific details of each.

You may hold a traditional evening banquet in place of a monthly camp meeting—should your camp choose to do so. If you do hold an Annual Pastors Event, in the form of a traditional evening banquet, a Faith Fund offering goal for the event should be established by your camp cabinet and an offering should be taken.

If your camp elects to hold a breakfast or luncheon event instead of an evening banquet, use an abbreviated agenda (see *Church Ministry Program Manual*). A Faith Fund offering may be taken at a breakfast or luncheon event—if the camp chooses.

**NOTE: A hard copy of the 2013–2014 Camp Meeting & Event Planner is on the back of this page.**

2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR

## CAMP MEETING & EVENT PLANNER

CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

DVD-BASED CAMP MEETINGS	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Always Ready												
Remain Relevant												
A Closed Door/An Open Heart (Gideons)												
A Community of Prayer (Auxiliary)												
When You Pass Through the Waters												
Relentless Love (Gideons)												
Make the Most of Every Opportunity (Auxiliary)												
Armed With the Sword												

### OTHER CAMP MEETINGS

Seasonal Fellowship												
Annual Pastors Event												
Camp Elections												
Annual Membership Dinner												
Other (Specify)												
Other (Specify)												

### EVENTS

Cabinet Meetings												
*Auxiliary Cabinet Meetings												
International Convention												
State Convention												
International Day of Prayer												
International Speaker Qualification Day												
Scripture Distributions per Month												
*Auxiliary Scripture Distributions per Month												
Church Presentations per Month												
*Medical Conventions												
Faith Fund Meeting												
Rescue Mission												
Jail/Prison Ministry												
*Auxiliary Jail/Prison Ministry												
Special Distributions												
Church Relations Day												
Flood the World												
*Enrichment Seminar and Luncheon												
*Auxiliary Prayer Meetings												

\* The Auxiliary cabinet schedules these meetings/events on this same *Planner*.  
Send completed copies of this planner to all camp members and area directors.

FORM 125-13

## USING YOUR 2013-14 CAMP MEETING & EVENT PLANNER

### IMPORTANT:

- The *Camp Meeting & Event Planner* (Form 125-13) is a joint (Gideon and Auxiliary) form.
- Both Gideon and Auxiliary leadership should use this single *Planner* to schedule all annual camp meetings and events.

### Planning and Goal Setting Has Been Simplified

- The *Camp Meeting & Event Planner* (Form 125-13) for both Gideon and Auxiliary leadership is easy to access and use.

### To complete your Camp Meeting & Event Planner online in *theConnection*:

- Click the drop-down menu under *Camp Activities* and choose *Camp Admin*.
- Under the *Camp Tools* heading on the right, click on *Camp Planner*.
- Under *Camp Planner* on the left, click on *Camp Event Planner* to schedule meetings and events.

### To download this form using *theConnection*:

- Click the drop-down menu under *Resources* and choose *Resource Center*.
- Under *Other Ministry Information* on the right, click on *Manuals, Forms & Logos*.
- Under *Select Series*, choose *Information-100 Series* for the *Camp Planner*.
- Under *Select Product*, choose *125—CAMP ANNUAL PLANNER* (to schedule both Gideon and Auxiliary meetings and events).

### Goal Setting Online Only

The Gideon and Auxiliary *Goal Planners* are now accessible for online completion only. (To complete these two *Goal Planners*, follow the same instructions above used for online completion of the *Meeting & Event Planner*.)

### Camp Planning: An Important Cabinet Responsibility

Camp planning is a vital responsibility of your camp cabinet, and a special camp cabinet meeting should be scheduled for planning. April and May are the best months for planning your camp's meetings and events for the next fiscal year...and July for setting your camp's annual goals. Remember, your state cabinet establishes minimum camp goals. You might hold a special cabinet meeting in November, December or January to review your camp's progress on goals—and to make necessary strategic changes to ensure that you reach your goals.

The meeting and event planning session must be a joint meeting with the camp Auxiliary cabinet, as they need to know how the meetings are organized for Auxiliary participation. The Auxiliary also has separate events that are included on the *Camp Meeting & Event Planner*.