

Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc.

PROGRAM PLANNER



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Dear Leader,

(You can place these Program Planning pages in a 3 -ring binder. Each caravan may request two sets of this planner each year free of charge. Copies may be made.)

These pages are meant to help you lay out the plans for the coming year for individual meetings and activities with the girls. It contains blank forms that you can fill to personalize the plans.

The Lutheran Girl Pioneer ministry is one of the best things that can happen to the girls in your congregation. The experiences that they have will stay with them a lifetime. By making them pleasant and well planned, we will demonstrate the Christian care and love that our Savior has called us to give. Our program is a ministry, a ministry that we have been blessed with the ability to serve. Serve faithfully.

May the Lord bless your efforts in keeping our girls "Loyal to Christ".

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OUTLINE OF A MEETING

In order for you to plan your meeting, first determine how much time is allotted for the meeting. Most groups meet for 1.5 to 2 hours. During this time you need to cover all that you have planned. You will want to “over-plan” each meeting, as you don’t want to run out of things to do!



SAMPLE MEETING SCHEDULE: Time 6:30 to 8:00 pm

6:00–6:15 Leaders arrive

Give yourself time to set up and be prepared for the girl’s arrival.

6:30 Meeting begins

Start on time!

6:30–6:45 Devotion

You may wish to ask the Pastor to do this or you could prepare yourself. You could have the older girls takes turns preparing a devotion. Check out the outline in this booklet, but be sure to review their devotion before it is presented. You can buy devotion books through the National Office.

6:45–7:00 Take roll call/announcements/honor recognition/collect dues

7:00–7:30 Unit requirements/ Lesson

Remember the girls have been in school all day. Make it fun.

7:30–7:50 Song/craft/game/clean-up

Crafts and games can be used to reinforce the lesson topic.

7:50–8:00 Closing/reminders

Always close with prayer (the Girl Pioneer Hymn is found in the booklet “Paths of Fellowship”, available through the National Office and the Pioneer prayer can be found on the following pages). If you have reminders or notes to be taken home, give them to the girls now.

Be sure that the area you have used is cleaned up before closing your meeting with prayer. Include the girls in this task.

PIONEER PRAYER

Jesus, help our eyes to see
Our salvation earned by thee.
Jesus, help our ears to hear
Calls for help from far and near.
Jesus, help our feet to go
In the way that thou wilt show.
Jesus, help our hands to do
All things loving, kind and true.
Jesus, may we helpful be,
Growing everyday like thee. Amen

UNIT PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

PREPARATION

- ◆ PRAYER: Always begin your planning with prayer– ask God to be with you and the other leaders as you plan a Christ-focused program for the girls you serve.
 - ⇒ Review the course outline
 - ⇒ Read the Lutheran Girl Pioneer Handbook
 - ⇒ Review requirements
 - ⇒ Brainstorm–ideas
 - ⇒ Research– Do not forget the leader’s manual
 - ⇒ Collect–Good “Tried and True” plans from other caravans in your District.
 - ⇒ Contact–The National Office for help when needed.



PLANNING

- Group similar requirements to minimize planning and save time
- Decide how many meetings it will take to cover the selected topic(s) or requirements.
- Set date(s) for the topic(s) if possible, think of how you can train the older girls to help you teach the younger girls....we are all about training our future leaders.

SAMPLE UNIT PLANNING

Unit 4- Communication Section 2: People Skills

A: Being a Friend

SUNBEAM: Make cards to send to shut-ins

TRAVELER: Learn Ephesians 4:31-32
Make a craft highlighting the Golden Rule

TRAILBLAZER: Prepare and perform skits about
being a good friend

HOMESTEADER: Read and study Luke 7:30-50
Teach the Sunbeams why it's important to
be a good neighbor to everyone you meet

A. Dating

SPINNER: Discuss dating rules and dating
safety

PREPARATION FOR LEADING A DEVOTION

I. DEVOTION

A. Topic: _____
subject

1. What is the requirement or lesson being taught today or what is the church season?
2. Is there a main theme being learned by most of the children at the various levels?
3. Is there an issue you would like to address in conjunction with this lesson?
4. What does God have to say on the subject?
5. What is the main point you want the children to remember?

B. Text: _____
scripture passage

1. What is the background of this text?
2. What is the main theme?
3. Does the main theme address the topic on which you are presenting your devotion?
4. Does it deal with the issue you are addressing (if you are doing so)?
5. What does God have to say in this passage of Scripture?
6. Is there a message of Good News or promise in the passage?
7. How can we respond to God's message?

C. Other Scripture Texts:

1. Use a concordance, study Bible or Bible dictionary
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

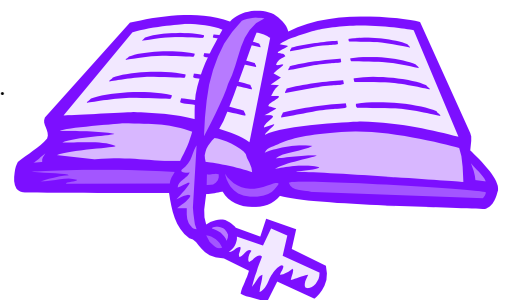
D. Other resources from which you may draw information pertaining to your devotion: Books; Magazines; Newspaper articles; Pamphlets; Films; Music

II. Presentation methods to be used

A. Opener: Read devotion title and then scripture text

B. Body: Devotion presentation—making points as they are related to God's Word. You may use visual aids if you like, which would assist in getting the message across to the children.

C. Closing: Close with a short prayer related to topic.



Use the next two pages
to map out your entire year.

By planning out your meeting dates and activities in advance, you can be assured that your leaders know what to do and when to do it. It also helps parents plan as well.

Fall	September	October	November
	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>

Winter	December	January	February
	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>

Spring	March	April	May
	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>

Summer	<u>Dates</u>
	<u>Activities</u>

Use one of these sheets for each meeting.

LGP Meeting Night Plan

DATE: _____

Objective or Goal:

Materials needed:

LESSON REINFORCED WITH:

Prayer:

Song:

Craft:

Game:

Other:

Evaluate lesson:

IDEAS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

- ◆ Collect items for you local food bank
- ◆ Adopt a missionary family through LWMS
- ◆ Set up a "Caring Hands" Christmas tree—Congregation members can purchase a gift for a needy family/families in the congregation or community.
- ◆ Purchase school supplies for the "Mission to the Children" in Mexico.
- ◆ Visit a local nursing home at a time other than Christmas.
- ◆ Plan a Father/Daughter night.
- ◆ Serve a soup/sandwich supper before a Lenten or Advent service.
- ◆ Celebrate your caravan's birthday
- ◆ End of year award night
- ◆ A family workshop—an inexpensive craft is planned for every age level so everyone makes something interesting. This may be for an occasion such as Christmas; trim the tree in church or meeting room or crafts for a devotional occasion.
- ◆ Candy making—peanut brittle, taffy, cereal and nut clusters etc.
- ◆ Christmas cookies—younger girls may prepare "no-bake" and older girls "baked cookies".
- ◆ Bowling party; roller skating party; swim party; etc.
- ◆ Host a Chili or Spaghetti Supper
- ◆ Host an Advent by Candlelight event (visit the WELS Women's website)



SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING

EVENT: _____ DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED: _____

FOOD	SUPPLIES NEEDED	MISCELLANEOUS

REPRODUCIBLE PAGES

CARAVAN# _____
REGISTRATION FORM
FOR _____
Girl's Name

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

WORK PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

ALLERGIES, SPECIAL NEEDS, ETC. _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RESOURCE ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM LGP HEADQUARTERS

FOR PROGRAM PLANNING

Program Planners (2 free per year upon request)
LGP Handbook for the girls
LGP Leader Manual
Fun with Games in LGP
Teaching Nature
Photography Workbook
Computer Coding Workbook
Genealogy Workbook
Special Achievement Workbook
Annie Acorn
Sunbeam activity book
Devotion Books

TO KEEP YOU AND THE GIRLS INFORMED

Leader newsletter "The Guide"
Girls' newsletter "The Prairie Schooner News"

TO PUBLICIZE LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS

Bulletin insert
LGP brochures
Coloring books

FOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Charm Bracelet/Charms/Pins

CLOTHING

T-shirts; sweatshirts; leader shirts

JUST FOR FUN

Pencils, pens, notepads, stickers, mugs, Christmas ornaments, and more!