

ASSOCIATIONAL VBS STANDARD

Begin the VBS year by setting a goal to complete 12 or more of the following requirements. Once completed, duplicate and mail this application for recognition to your STATE CONVENTION VBS PROMOTER. (Do not mail to LifeWay.) State offices will mail out certificates of recognition.

- Begin planning in October.
- Set goals as an associational VBS team in at least five of the following areas:
 - Number of churches conducting VBS
 - Total enrollment of church VBSs reported
 - Number of Backyard Kids Clubs reported
 - Number of mission VBSs reported
 - Number of VBS Link-ups reported
 - Number of VBS faculty attending associational VBS clinics
 - Number of pastors attending associational VBS clinics
- Enlist associational team members who currently serve their churches in the age groups for which they are enlisted.
- Order curriculum and other resources and distribute to team members before the state VBS clinic.
- Have all associational team members attend the state VBS clinic and lead at least one associational VBS clinic in the area for which they are trained.
- Give consideration to the varied needs of churches when scheduling associational VBS clinics. Schedule an adequate number of clinics to meet these needs.
- Conduct a Jump Start/Early Planning Conference for pastors and church VBS directors at least six weeks before the first associational VBS clinic.
- Secure a list of churches/missions that did not report a VBS or mission VBS last year. Enlist team members to contact each church to offer participation in the VBS Link-up Plan and other assistance that encourages the church to conduct VBS.
- Develop a promotion plan to increase attendance at associational VBS clinics by at least 5 percent.
- Achieve representation of at least 75 percent of churches and established missions in your association at associational VBS clinics.
- Maintain an average of 75 percent of VBS directors and/or pastors who attend training from the churches and established missions represented at associational VBS clinics.
- Ensure that at least 75 percent of churches and established missions in your association report a VBS or mission VBS during the year.
- Develop a plan for promoting Backyard Kids Clubs and mission VBS opportunities that include at least one faculty training event.
- Have 10% of churches and established missions report at least one Backyard Kids Club or mission VBS during the year.
- Promote VBS, Backyard Kids Clubs, and mission VBSs as successful methods for beginning new Sunday School units and churches.

- Work with a church planter to use VBS, Backyard Kids Club, or mission VBS as a kick-off event to start a new church.
- Challenge churches to commit to creating at least one ongoing adult Connection Group for unchurched adults discovered during VBS. (Connection Groups should begin the Sunday following VBS.)
- Link-up with a neighboring association to promote and provide VBS training. Begin identifying and training team members to help the association build its own team for the future.
- Involve the associational VBS team in developing and implementing a plan for follow-up to churches throughout the summer, in obtaining VBS reports, and in encouraging planning for mission VBSs and Backyard Kids Clubs.
- Compile a final report of all associational VBS clinics and mail to the state VBS promoter within two weeks of the last associational VBS clinic date.

Check the appropriate boxes next to each completed action. (12 or more required for recognition)

MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR STATE CONVENTION VBS PROMOTER

Associational VBS Director: _____

Association: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail or Phone: _____

The preceding actions (as indicated) were met to qualify this association for Standard recognition.