



WIRED-UP FOR

YOUTH

It's a Global Awareness Blowout!

Have a Global Awareness Blowout for the youth in your church. Plan a weekend retreat or an all-day event with a variety of mission education activities. See how many of the Global Awareness points your teens can effectively accomplish at one huge event.

If the group is large, divide them into groups of no more than 10. Each group will participate in each activity and will be awarded points for completing each activity. If your group is small, all will participate together, and individual points may be awarded.

Be sure and have plenty of food throughout the event! All that learning takes a lot out of a person.

The Global Awareness points are as follows:

- **Global Awareness Resources**—present a brief, action-packed lesson from the Youth Mission Education curriculum. Food from a world area studied or food associated with the topic would be appropriate.
- **NMI Missions Books/Tapes/CDs**—provide the group with a questionnaire for one of books (three questions for each chapter), then have the group read or listen to one of the books and write their answers as each chapter is read. The more correct answers for each team, the more points they receive.
- **Missions Service Project/Hands-on Missions Activity**—If there is a soup kitchen or some other community ministry with which your youth can serve, have them

participate in that. If such a location is not a possibility for your group, have them bring items for Crisis Care Kits or School Pal-Paks (or if you are really adventurous, take them shopping at a discount store for the items), then have the kids pack them.

- **Missions Speaker**—If possible, have a missions speaker who will capture the interest of the youth. If you have the Blowout the same weekend as your church's faith promise event, you would have a speaker readily available...just remember to let the speaker know he/she will also be speaking to the youth, so that person is prepared.
- **Multimedia Missions Resources**—Show several segments from the *World Mission DVD* throughout the event (not all at one time). Serve popcorn and sodas during the segment.

An additional option—if there is time—is to occasionally play a game that is popular in a world area the youth have learned about. The Internet has many sites that give the rules for playing games from around the globe.

The key to success for this plan is to keep the kids moving. Avoid down time, so there is no time for boredom. Your whole church could also be involved; it would go a long way in building community within your church.

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