Craft Guidelines

1. Christ-centered
2. Age-appropriate
3. Practical
4. Aesthetics
5. Fits the theme
Tie-dyeing

Preparation

Get paint ready before Bible study but shake up paint just before craft time
Hang up clothesline beforehand
Get buckets from activities
  Fill with water with hose by volleyball courts
Spread rubber bands and sharpies on three tables (4th is for us)
At announcements: Tell campers to bring T-shirts to crafts!
Bible study: Leave Bible study early to get ready for tie dye
In girls’ bathroom: (clean up well every time)
  Fill squeeze bottles quarter-full with paint, rest with water
  Stir so not gloppy with skewers, or sticks on ground
    (or shake—cover hole with finger, shake into sink)
  Carry with ice cream buckets
In between: gather rubber bands and a bucket to rinse them out
  Refill paint, low bottles can be squeeze bottles
  Rag to wipe down tables (paint dries, won’t come off)
Tie-dyeing

Instructions

Write name on collar with black sharpies
Take to a bucket filled with water, get T-shirt wet, wring out
Squirt paint on both sides, don’t have to be sparing
Counselors and craft leaders can make their own, too

Different ways to tie up T-shirt:

**Stripes:** Accordion top to bottom, rubber bands 2-4 inch intervals, in between each section put a different color

**Spiral:** center, twist all the way around, rubber bands crosswise and one around (doesn’t have to look pretty)

Rubber bands always give nice sections

**Bull’s eye:** take center, lift, rubber bands down

After painting take rubber bands off (don’t cut them), carefully unfold shirt

Hang from bottom with two clothespins

When it’s dry, it’s done

Tell them to come and check after lunch

If it’s not picked up they’ll be on a table in the dining hall
Instructions

Ask activities director for tiles and list of awards
   Bring extra just in case
Seniors draw with sharpies
Give tiles back to activities director
Art and Writing Olympics

Supplies
Check beforehand so you can report to someone if you need more supplies
Colored paper, white paper
Notebooks for writing
Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers
Scissors, glue, tape
Tablecloths

Theme
Preferably a reflection of week’s theme
Something that allows flexibility, creativity, and inspiration

Judging
One or two judges for both categories
Each age group has first, second, and third medals
Come up with criteria beforehand for what makes the best work
Take care of judging right away
Needs to be ready by campfire on Friday
Bio Board

Ask staff members either to create a new biography or for permission to recycle the old one

  - Have them email, fax, or mail their bio and a recent photo to yourself
  - Set a deadline for incoming submissions to make sure it’s done before camp

Create a “Not Pictured” box for those who don’t send in a bio

Use a template for all biographies to keep them neat and uniform

Print in color, and matt with colored paper

Add fun clipart and decorations as time permits

Paste on a large trifold board (may have to use two if all staff members send in their bio)

Hang up by bathhouse or by registration
Linda’s Words of Wisdom

Stay in contact with business manager
  Keep track of number of campers up until camp
  Retain receipts for reimbursement
Have a checklist or inventory of supplies
Store stuff on back porch of Little Lambs
Allow time before each craft to make sure everything’s ready
Tie dye should be outside, but secure a place in the cafeteria for the rest
  Otherwise things blow around, hard to keep their attention
Wipe off tables in between sessions
  Don’t have to use new tablecloths every time
Make sure things stay clean so as not to get in trouble with the campground
Set out a box of lanyard supplies by ping pong tables
  Make sure there’s a how-to booklet and plenty of safety pins
  Either learn to do them or refer campers to an older one who knows how
Rewind spools and close box at night
Bring snacks for munching, but be careful with peanuts and other allergens