

STARTING EDGE CHECK LIST

PRAY

Pray continually throughout this process, your ministry, and your life.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

- Meet with everyone and anyone at your parish – Pastor, Principal, Faith Formation Director, maintenance and scheduling folks, interested adults, heads of ministries, catechists, etc.

PROMOTE YOUR MINISTRY

- Create promotional items with the Edge logo, hang banners around the parish campus, and promote Edge at all weekend masses.

RECRUIT CORE TEAM MEMBERS

- Pray.
- Get ideas from the Pastor and other adults you have met with.
- Be willing to talk to people you do not know before and after mass.
- When you have an interested adult, schedule an interview or meeting, ask and answer questions, then prayerfully consider if they will be a good fit.

RECRUIT HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

- Pray.
- Decide if you want high school teens as part of your Core Team. o Decide age and other requirements.
- Make the commitment clear, and properly train the teens to set them up for success.

GET TO KNOW PARENTS

- Meet parents at various events and meetings, including before and after Edge Nights.
- Middle school youth are part of a family. Bring each family along for the ride by loving them all, especially the parents.

INVITE PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED

- Get the parents involved in your ministry.
- Communicate with parents on a weekly basis about your Edge Nights.

GET TO KNOW THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (RELATIONAL MINISTRY)

- Get out of your office!
- Go to school lunches, basketball games and practices, school plays, and concerts.

PLAN YOUR FIRST SEMESTER

- Find the right topic for you, or build an introductory semester.
- Utilize the three Intro Nights that accompany this startup kit.
- Mix Social Nights and Issue Nights in with Catechetical Nights.
- Contact the Parish Outreach Team, or utilize the various planning articles and tools available if you need more help.

PLAN YOUR KICKOFF NIGHT

- Plan with your Core Team. Putting your minds together will bring about more creativity.
- Have the details sorted ahead of time, and make sure the Core
- Team knows their roles and responsibilities for the night.
- Use the kickoff as a chance to meet and get to know the youth.

REGISTRATION

- Decide upon the registration process.
- Create a registration form.
- Use the weeks leading up to the Edge kickoff for registration, and make it available at kickoff as well.

LEAD THEM TO CHRIST

- Stay rooted in prayer.
- Be authentic and joyful.
- Do not be afraid to challenge and evangelize the youth.
- Be an example for your youth of a true Catholic, sold out for Christ.

