

2009 Fall Buckeye Border Training Outline:

I'd like to credit Jerry Lucas for this outline process. I once heard Jerry teach a message on family relationships using the number system 1-10. With each number there is a corresponding word picture that rhymes with the number. For example; we use 1 (one) and run. Using this teaching style, we have outlined ten important principles and challenges for leading a FCA ministry in your school.

As you read each number, there will a picture, an explanation and a challenge. Following this in bold letters you will find an "Exercise" which we accomplished during training in small groups at our tables.

- 1 Run** Picture a runner, sprinting down a track, heading towards the finish line. Say "one," say "run." You can't finish the race, if you never start! If I'm in a race, I step to the starting line, having the attitude that I will compete, I will run, and I will try my hardest to win. Finishing the race, doesn't even cross my mind. So our first principle in running a FCA ministry is that we must have the attitude of starting and running a race for God. (See I Corinthians 9:24-27)

Exercise #1: Make sure you have certified your Huddle for the 2009-2010 Year. This means you send a check for \$40 to the Buckeye Border Office and we will certify your Huddle. Or you can send a \$40 check to the Home office in Kansas City, along with your recertification form. Either way, get it done.

Exercise #2: Meet with your other adult and student leaders, set a date for your first meeting!

- 2 Shoe** Picture a shoe being placed on your foot. As you place this shoe on your foot, begin to tie your shoe. Did you remember that before you go to Kindergarten, you have to know how to tie your shoe? This is a basic thing you need to learn before starting school. Say "two," say "shoe." Before you lead a Huddle you have to know how to use the resources – especially the Bible. The Bible is the beginning place for leading a Huddle. Inside the FCA Student Bible, you will find hundreds of lessons and ideas for your Huddle meeting. (See 2 Timothy 2:15)

Exercise: As a group, walk through the Bible. Each person should turn to the front of the FCA Bible to view the available lessons for teaching. Choose any lesson. Walk through a lesson turning to the crowd breaker (short game) and then view the teaching passage and the story passage. Take 10 minutes and scroll through the FCA Bible and familiarize yourself with the multiple resources inside the Bible. You'll find 31 daily devotions (Training Time), Athlete studies, discipleship lessons (Starting Line) and more!

- 3 Tree** Picture a Shade and Fruit, two of the greatest things a tree provides. What have you done and what are you doing to find rest and restoration, in preparation to lead? Divert daily, Withdrawal weekly, Retreat annually. (See Psalm 57:8; Psalm 37:4; Mark 6:46)

Exercise: Establish quiet time, quiet place.

- 4 Door** Picture a big door. In the middle of the door you find a door knocker. To lead a FCA Huddle you will need encouragement and assistance. Go to others in your school and church and seek help. Go and knock on the doors, ask for help, and expect to find encouragement. We must initiate contact and recruit leaders. (See Matthew 10:35-38)

Exercise: On a 3x5 write your response to this question. "Why are you involved in FCA?" on the flip side, "What are the benefits to being involved in FCA?" Use your answers to share with those you ask to be involved. If you can clearly share with enthusiasm why you are involved with FCA, others will want to join.

- 5 Dive** Picture a pool of cool water on a hot day! Ready to jump in? It's on those days we don't wade into the water, we dive! You can't dive into a kiddie pool or shallow water; you need a pool that is deep. We want deep quality Huddles. What are we doing with the amount of time you have during your Huddle? The challenge is for our Huddles to be organized and not just a fly by the seat of our pants ministry. Consider planning out your Huddles in advance, having a schedule set up each month. (See Romans 12:9-21)

Exercise: Review and discuss the handout called "Step Up." It's an outline you can choose to use or not use, involving your Huddle in a monthly service project into the community.

- 6 Sticks** Picture you carrying a bundle of sticks. Maybe you are camping and you are carrying way too many logs back to the campsite. Are you carrying too much? Many of our leaders are not only teachers, but also coaches, church leaders, parents, etc. Your life is busy and complicated. So what are you doing to stay organized? Remember to simplify things, delegate responsibility, and knock on doors for assistance. (See Proverbs 4:23)

- 7 Heaven** Picture the sky, clouds of all shapes and sizes. When I look into the sky I think of heaven, I think of the future, and what my life is to become. With that in mind, ask yourself "where is the future of FCA going in our school?" What are your goals? What do you hope to see God accomplish through this ministry? Without goals and direction, your ministry will spin and go nowhere. Avoid the frustration and be diligent in setting goals. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Exercise: Consider your goals for Campus ministry, Coaches Ministry, Community ministry, and the Camp ministry. Write three goals for each ministry on a 3x5 card. Share your goals with those at your table. Share your goals with other Huddle leaders/students. For each ministry, pick two top goals, write them down where everyone will see them and then begin to plan on how you will reach those goals.

8 Gate Picture yourself walking up to someone's house. Around their house is fence and inside their yard are all kinds of animals, some big and some small. As you approach their house, you open the gate and walk towards the house. WAIT! Don't leave the gate open! Leaving the gate open will only allow the animals to escape the yard and run into the street and neighborhood. Those animals represent missed opportunities. Many times we are so busy going through our day (opening the gate), focused on getting somewhere (walking up to the house), we forget about all the opportunities (leaving the gate open). As a result, great things like our annual banquet, training sessions, web site resources, t-shirt sales, winter retreats, and service projects might be missed. (See Hebrews 12:1-2)

Exercise: Read FCA Weekly Updates emails, and newsletters for event information. Sign up or become friends on Facebook with FCA or FCA Staff.

9 Vine Picture the MLB Cub's baseball Wrigley Field. In the early spring you can see the outfield wall, but by midsummer, all you see is green vines and vegetation. Before we knew Jesus Christ as our Savior we were as bare as the winter walls of that baseball field. But when we placed our faith in Jesus Christ, God gave us His very Spirit and allows us to be connected, in relationship, with Him. Wow! Being connected to Him allows us to grow like the summer vines of that outfield wall.

The great thing about living for Jesus Christ is that it should be done in community. You are not alone. First, you have God's Spirit living and working in you. We are connected to our Lord! He is the vine and we are the branches. Apart from Him, we are nothing. Then, we have our brothers and sisters in Christ. Together we worship, serve, and love God. Together, we pray, sing, cry, and laugh, as we live for Him. What are you doing to stay connected and growing in Jesus Christ? (See John 15)

Exercise: Identify how you are growing in Jesus Christ. Where do you attend church? How do you worship God? How much time do you pray each day? How much time do you read God's Word each day. Identify a mentor; find an accountability partner who will hold you accountable to spending time in God's Word and in prayer.

10 Hen Picture a big fat hen and a bunch of eggs! When I see eggs, I think of investments. I believe the greatest investment is new life in Jesus Christ. How often are we sharing the Good News that Jesus saves in our Huddle? If our mission is present Jesus Christ, are we sharing and presenting or just eating donuts and praying? That is the greatest investment in this ministry. (See Matthew 29:18-20)

On a side note, without the financial investments of individuals, businesses, and churches, this ministry cannot continue to function as it is. To continue the ministry of FCA we also need financial help. We need people to join our Home Team and give monthly to the ministry of FCA.

Exercise: On 3x5 cards, write down your story of how you decided to place your faith in God. If someone were to ask you, "Why do you believe in Jesus Christ?" how would you answer? In groups, practice sharing your story with others. Pretend, you are with a friend who doesn't believe in God and questions faith issues.

These ten pictures should constantly remind you how to do the ministry of FCA in an effective and efficient manner. I encourage you to meet with your leaders every other month and review these ten pictures.

We pray that God blesses you and your family, as you choose to stand for Jesus Christ on your campus! May God bless your ministry, guide your every step, and allow you to see the harvest of souls surrendering to Him.

Inside-Out

A plan for monthly community projects (optional)

September - *"Don't conform but be transformed!" Living out our inside convictions, step up!*
October Rake leaves, do yard work, something outdoors
November Feed others, work for a homeless shelter, host a free meal, fill a food pantry
December Adopt a family or a child; collect toys for tots
January Shut-ins or nursing home visit
February Host a love banquet for those who are orphans & widows
March Run a shoe collection or clothing collection to give to needy
April Plant gardens; plant flower beds, something outdoors
May U-pick (Your Huddle picks what they want to do)