

Café Hope

Overview

Café Hope is an evangelistic event to reach your community through music, poetry, arts, and other forms of Coffee house style entertainment. This event was held outdoors during the summer months but is not limited to that. We would have group games, ice breakers and prizes. We offered free food, snacks, coffee, and drinks. Different artists would perform. There would be testimony and a gospel message. This kind of event is also a good opportunity for ATC staff and student's families to fellowship with their loved ones. It's important to invite local churches and get the word out in your community to get people to attend.

Activity Prep and Execution

Pick Location

A location will need to be secured first and foremost.

Schedule Dates

Once a location is secured dates need to be locked in. We did it every Friday night in July and August from 7PM- 10pm. We chose those dates because its summer in NYC. The weather was suitable at that time for outdoor services.

Book Artists

Once you have your dates, artists need to be booked for all the dates.

Choose Themes

A theme needs to be decided on for each night.

Purchases

Decorations, needed supplies, & prizes need to be purchased ahead of time.

Get Food and Beverages

Food and beverages need to be secured ahead of time.

Event Setup

The following will need to be done the day of: Decorate the venue, set up seating, set up food and beverages, organize games and prizes, perform sound check with the artists, type an order of service, contact the artist to confirm attendance.

Sample Agenda

6:30PM	Fellowship & Food
7:00PM	Greeting and Opening
7:15PM	Ice Breaker game and Prizes
7:30PM	Introduce Artist & Artist's 1 st set

8:00PM	Prizes
8:15PM	Positive Testimony & Offering
8:30PM	Introduce Second Artist or Artist's 2 nd Set
9:00 PM	5 or 10 minute Gospel Appeal and Prayer.
9:30PM	Fellowship & Food
10:00PM	Close Night

Volunteer Needs

- 2-4 workers who are good with people, willing to pray, and not too pushy
 - Make sure these individuals are solid in their understanding of faith and not intimidating

Supply Needs

Budget can vary for a couple of reasons; donations of food and drinks, the cost to book an artist. We were generally able to get local Coffee shops to donate Coffee and restaurants and bakeries were able to give snacks and food. We would choose a different theme for each night and get décor to flow with our theme. Each night could very easily be done for less than \$1,000.

Food

Food can be purchased donated from local organizations or businesses to aid with budget.

Venue

This can be a church, banquet hall or located at a Teen Challenge facility. Seating would also be needed with all the appropriate sound equipment.

Artists

Artists would need to be hired. Connections can be made through local churches, church members or social media.

- Christian Bands
- Worship Teams
- Gospel Choirs
- Poetry
- Rap and Hip Hop
- Vocalist
- Drama Teams
- Dance Teams
- Artists
- Comedians

Decorations and Games

Decorations can be purchased ahead of time and can be as low cost or as expensive as you want them to be. Games will also need to be factored into this cost.

Prizes

Prizes can be purchased ahead of time. A good idea would be to have local businesses and organizations donate the prizes that would be given out in exchange for a shout out or something of that sort.

Potential Partners

- Local Businesses
- Local Churches
- Other Recovery Ministries or Organizations