

# STOCKADE OVERVIEW

Stockade is men and boys having fun together while learning new skills and biblical principles for life.

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## STOCKADE is Large Group

Structured to fit the life of an active boy, Stockade provides plenty of time for games, interactive shoulder-to-shoulder learning on a topic of interest and engaging biblical and contemporary stories. All of this provides the context for boys to engage life from a biblical worldview. Boys are given peer recognition for personal Achievement progress.

## STOCKADE is Small Group

Post time includes learning skills through engaging modules. The boys love the hands-on learning activities under leader supervision with their peers. Leaders use materials developed for boys about subjects that are of interest to them. Boys begin to understand that God has created them for a unique purpose. They grow in their appreciation and love for God, themselves and how to relate well with others.

## STOCKADE is One-on-One

The Achievement model of discipleship provides the opportunity to meet a boy’s significant life needs. Each boy receives personal attention from dedicated Christian men. Stockade instills in the boy that God has not intended for him to attempt to navigate life alone. **ONE-ON-ONE** provides a time for a leader to focus on a boy’s unique needs and to influence the boy in his formative years.

## STOCKADE is Mental, Physical, Spiritual, and Social Growth

Stockade builds on the Tree Climber experience which provided a foundation of good Spiritual Habits, by helping the boys apply their faith to the world in which they live today. This is patterned after Jesus’ experience found in Luke 2:52, and leads to increasing spiritual maturity. The Stockade boy then moves on to Battalion where he continues on the road to maturity. There the Seven Points of Valor guide his journey to becoming a godly man.





# Personal Growth Guides

Facilitate one-on-One Discipleship and Personal Growth



**Builder/Sentinel Trail Guides** Offer an intentional discipleship pathway in physical, wisdom, social, and spiritual areas of a boy's development. There is a different guide for each year the boy is in Stockade. Each guide has four ranks which follow a specific spiritual theme, guiding the individual boy on his journey. For leaders they provide a spiritual map for each boy over his years in Stockade.

**Bible Study** is the foundation of a boy's spiritual growth. The studies are geared for the boy's age, and are a key part of each rank's theme

**Personal Application** of God's Word helps the boy apply lessons from the Bible Study to his own life.

**Stockade Foundations** reminds the boy that Stockade has been around for a long time (since 1945), and that many of the traditions of the program are intentional.

**Bible Memory** helps the boys "hide" relevant Scriptures in their heart; a key tool in any boy's spiritual maturity.

**Mind Development** topics help expand a boy's world. From safety to explorative topics, a boy learns his faith is connected to his thinking.

**Social Development** is important to a boy's maturity. Each rank challenges the boys to expand their social consciousness, to live their faith out in community

**Outpost Adventure Guides** offer growth opportunities in over 40 interest areas, giving boys a chance to excel in areas they are already interested in and a chance to find new interests in their lives. Each Adventure has a key verse that makes the connection between the practical learning of the Guide and the Biblical Truth it connects with. These guides are best utilized in a small group setting.





## Equipping men to lead meetings full of fun activities to help facilitate the discipleship process.

**Meeting Plans** offer the Stockade fresh material on over 40 topics of interest to both the men and the boys..

**Meeting Objective** gives a description of the week's themes: A Biblical Truth taught through an Action Focus over 4 weeks of active learning.

**Scripture Base** provides the starting point for discovering Biblical Truths.

**Clear prompts** help leaders stay organized. Consistent Flow keeps the boys involved.

**Stockade Games** offer the boys the opportunity to be boys and for men to build rapport with them.

**Post Meetings** focus on the Biblical Truth, the week's passage and the Memory Verse. There is a short activity based on the Action Focus that reinforces the learning process. This is where the Post leader connects with the boys in authentic discipleship in a small group setting.

**Story Circles** Each meeting ends with a challenging story based on the Action Focus. Boys love stories, and will remember many throughout their lives.

**Projects** are active and exciting. They provide a wide range of experiences based on the Action focus. Men lead in a variety of building projects, experiments and discoveries.

**Application Points** give leaders the opportunity to share their own faith and help boys understand how to develop their own faith.

**Leaders Huddle** offers intentional time to debrief, pray and think about the next meeting.

**CARS AND TRUCKS 1: RESPONSIBILITY**

**Purpose**

To introduce the CARS & TRUCKS Module and to recognize that the Lord has made us responsible for the good things He has given us; that we are to look after our possessions.

**Passage**

Ecclesiastes 9:10a "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might"

**Preparation - 20 to 60 minutes**

**Builder Posts** Rangers need to have the "Cool Tools" Achievement page and to bring seven of the mechanic's tools listed there.

**Sentinel Post** Rangers need to bring four big tools; ones that are either super-sized (like a 2 foot long wrench), or use-specific (like an oil filter wrench – no, a screwdriver is NOT a wrench!), or machines in themselves (like an impact wrench). Locking pliers, a Torque Wrench, a two-pound automotive sledge hammer, a bodywork anvil, and a pipe wrench are good, even a "Persuader" (the piece of steel pipe that slips over the handle of a wrench to give greater mechanical advantage) are appropriate. (There is no Achievement Page for this meeting.)

**Action Focus Project Preparation** (your choice):

**Hands-On Project #1** – Every leader needs a good flashlight to inspect under cars.

**Types of Vehicles Project #1** – A muscle car, sports car or high-end (luxury) car or truck and its owner must come and visit the Stockade.

**Check-In - 20 minutes**

Check-In is made up of two components:

- 1) The Post Check-In, where each boy reports to his Ranger of his arrival, his memory work, and his other Achievements. He also submits his Shares.
- 2) The second component is the Check-In Game. After the boy checks into his Post, he then goes to participate in the Drop-In style of game.

Use one of your favorite games.

**Games - 20 minutes**

**Medium Game:** Play a game called "100 Games for Quiet Game: Play one..."

### Post Meeting - 15 minutes - Common Post Instructions

Open with prayer, asking the Lord to open each boy's heart and mind to His Truth today. Tell the boys that the Focus Verse is Ecclesiastes 9:10a "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." Ask them what they think it means, then tell them that it's talking about whatever we've got to do it as if it's our last day. Ask them if they ever see streaks of dirt here and there, or if they see that someone did and did it better than they did that they cared nothing to do? Work and even...

Post Achievements can often be completed during the Post Meeting, but they don't have to be. The purpose of the Post Meeting is to...

**CARS AND TRUCKS 1: RESPONSIBILITY**

**Story Circle: The Music**

"Hey, Mister, what are you doing?" Mark watched the new neighbors pull into the driveway, but now he lived in Seattle. Mark was pretty old, and had no idea what they did today the man was working outside working...

Mark bent down and peered into the glove box. He spotted a man, a little louder than the others. "What are you doing?"

"Oh, I'm working on the transmission. It's a sweet ride on a Pontiac 1966 GTO Corvette transmission. It's a sweet ride on a welcoming, friendly manner. Mark, but I've wanted one since before I was married. Mrs. Philips finally said it was in good condition. Today, I'm working on it. Mr. Philips pointed to the mat with his right hand. Mark counted them out and below the head.

"That's my own dad's leather pouf mechanic. These were the first 100 clean, oily rag and put them in the broken, and none has ever been lost. Mr. Philips disappeared back under the hood. Mark knew when you'll be forced to stop want to do, you just won't be able to. I had enough money saved up. I worked it into a show-piece."

**CARS AND TRUCKS 1: RESPONSIBILITY**

**Action Focus Project - 20 minutes**

**Introduction:** There are four one-meeting projects related to hands-on learning about car and truck maintenance, and there are four more one-meeting projects focused on special cars and trucks. These can be mixed and matched to meet your particular needs.

**Option 1:**

**Hands-On Project #1 – "Vehicle Inspection"**

For this project, you will need one vehicle for every five to eight boys. Each Leader will need a flashlight. (A Trouble Light/Work Light could be helpful, but you can set an example for the boys in an emergency situation.)

Take the boys to a car or truck and point out the obvious things about it: the body, wheels, passenger compartment, dashboard, and engine. Use the "VITAL PARTS" Adventure sheet to guide you as you identify each of those items. Point out any other items that you know are important. Finally, have everyone lay on the ground and push their heads under the car. Point out the undercarriage, the steering linkages, the brakes, etc. Simply point out the things that are obvious, and the things you know. Bring the boys into your world of cars and trucks.

**Option 2:**

**Types of Vehicles Project #1** – Invite someone to bring out their Muscle Car and show it off. Let them tell the boys all about it. Be sure to have him speak on how he takes care of his vehicle (you can substitute a hybrid car, a sports car or a high-end (luxury) car or truck).

**CARS AND TRUCKS 1: RESPONSIBILITY**

**Application**

Share this with your boys: Pastor Philips talked to Mark about working hard. Do you fellows think that you can work "with your might"? (Let several boys answer.) Sure, you are young and small, but you too can do all you can. Do you think this meeting's passage is just about work? (Wait for a boy to say, "No.") No, God is talking about "whatever your hands find to do" ... whatever you do, whether it's work or play, whether it's school or church or sports or Stockade, give it your very best. Make sure it's something good and it'll make you into someone special. People will take notice of you and God will bless you. Our Memory Verse is Proverbs 27:23-24 "You should take good care of your sheep and goats" (your cars and trucks) "because wealth and honor don't last forever." When you try hard at taking care of your things, whether they are sheep or goats, or a car or even homework, you are preparing yourself for wealth and honor (Colossians 3:23 is another verse that may be used as application).

**Leaders' Huddle (15 minutes):**

Debrief with your leadership team as the boys head home. Review any problems there may have been and steps to prevent further ones. Talk about what went well. Remind the guys of who's looking after next meeting's (Projects), Games, and Story Circle. Close in prayer.



# A 15-year Discipleship Path

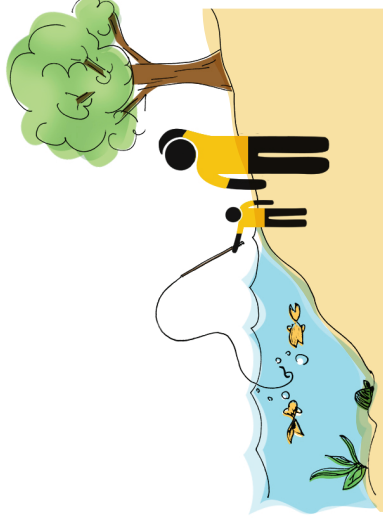
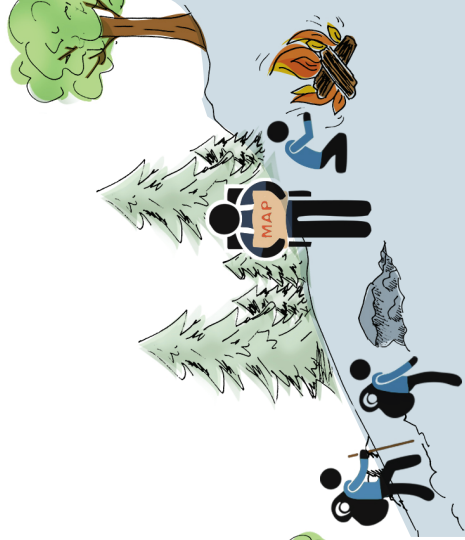
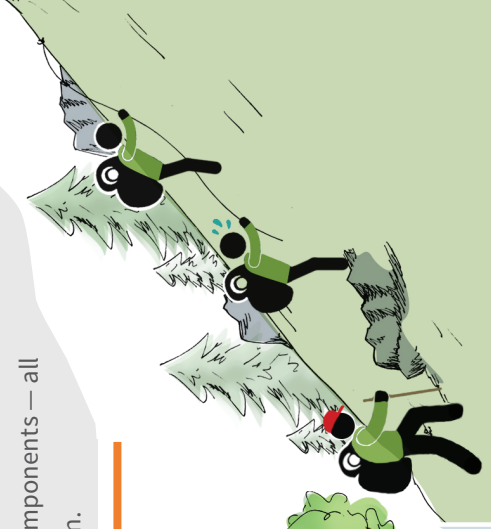
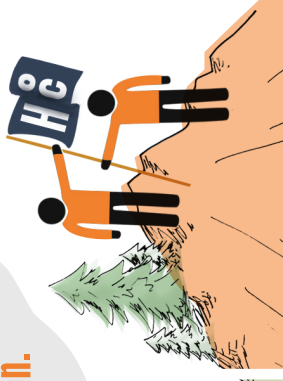
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- Action-Focused
- Relational
- Single-Gender
- Comprehensive
- Flexible

## Core Program Elements include:

Games, Action-Focused Activities, Engaging Stories, Personal Achievements, Leadership Development and Group Discipline components — all designed to help Men Disciple the Next Generation.



### TREE CLIMBERS: Grades K-2

- TC is FATHERS AND SONS
- TC is FUN ACTIVITIES
- TC is LEARNING SPIRITUAL HABITS
- TC is the FIRST STEP



### BATTALION: Grades 7-12

- Battalion is MEN
- Battalion is YOUNG MEN
- Battalion is LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- Battalion is SERVICE
- Battalion is BECOMING A GODLY MAN



### HERALD OF CHRIST:

- HoC SETS A BIBLICAL STANDARD OF GODLY MANHOOD
- HoC is CSB'S PINNACLE RECOGNITION
- HoC LEADS TO INFLUENCING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST
- HoC is A DISCIPLESHIP PATH

