

I. Mission Statement:

A. To challenge Christian youth (ages 7 – 19), through fun and competition, to study and apply the Word of God, thereby encouraging spiritual growth. To encourage Scripture Memory through Bible quizzing and to facilitate the application of Scripture in lives, leadership skills, team work, and in building relationships with family and friends.

II. Benefits Of Bible Quizzing Include:

- A.** Helping youth grow in Christ by meditating on the Word of God.
- B.** Assisting churches in the spiritual transformation of Christian youth.
- C.** Developing Godly leadership among youth.
- D.** Transforming youth spiritually -- (*The Word of God does the work of God*).
- E.** Challenging youth to hide God's Word in their hearts -- (Psalm 119:11 "*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*").
- F.** Encouraging healthy competition among peers.
- G.** Building Christian character in the lives of youth.
- H.** Providing positive fellowship opportunities with adults and youth.

III. The What, When, Who, Which, & How of Badgerland Bible Quizzing.

A. What? Badgerland Bible Quizzing (BBQ) invites churches and youth groups to sponsor a Bible quiz team. Bible quizzing is a great way to memorize Scripture and compete on that knowledge. It provides a method for the Word of God to be hidden in our hearts with the ability then to transform us. The competition motivates, challenges, and makes memorization fun. Competition also provides the environment to learn how to work as a team, how to properly relate to authority, and how to handle success and failure in a godly way.

B. When? Bible Memory is done on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Many Quizzers work on memorizing a verse a day or more. Quizzers meet together weekly with their teams and practice what they have memorized. There are monthly quiz meets where quizzers come together and compete with their team against other teams. Bible Memory is done with the NIV (ESV starting in 2013) Bible. The entire New Testament is covered over a period of eight years.

C. Who? BBQ is one of many participating ministries in a national Bible quiz program called Bible Quiz Fellowship. Bible Quiz Fellowship is a non-profit and non-

denominational ministry. It provides a structure for regional and national tournaments. For more information on Bible Quiz Fellowship visit www.biblequizfellowship.org

D. Which? There are two divisions in the BBQ ministry. There is the Junior Varsity division for children ages 7-11 and the Varsity division for youth 11-19. A quizzers needs to be 11 yrs old by the last week of April to quiz on Varsity. A team consists of 5-7 quizzers and one or two coaches who meet together to practice weekly. We start putting together teams in August and attend the first quiz meet in September. The regular season quiz meets are the 2nd Saturday of each month from September through February. At the end of the regular season, BBQ participates in post season tournaments in IA, MN and the National Bible Quiz Tournament that quizzers may qualify to participate.

E. How? Parents should contact one of the coaches who can include their child/children on one of the teams. The coaches will collect a \$10 fee to Badgerland Bible quizzing which helps pay for quizzing equipment. Coaches will let quizzers know what study materials are available and how much they may cost. Any quizzers who wishes to qualify for a post season team must fill out an application and include the deposit due at the January quiz meet with the remaining balance due at the February quiz meet. Registration fees will be refunded if quizzers either do not qualify for the national tournament or choose not to attend prior to BBQ's final registration with BQF. Badgerland Bible Quizzing and Bible Quiz Fellowship are non-profit ministries.

IV. Team Selection

A. Regular season teams are chosen by coaches who put together their teams after getting input from parents, the quizzers and the other coaches. During the regular season, teams are put together intentionally to keep them all relatively even. During the post season, teams are put together to give each team the potential to compete successfully. The BBQ Board and Nationals Coaches meet together to conduct the selection process after getting input from the quizzers, the quizzers parents and regular season coaches. During this meeting teams are selected based on experience, attitude, teach-ability, compatibility with team members and coaches, sportsmanship, willingness to extend grace to others, quiz-ability (shown in the stats), what material each quizzers has covered, and parental input. The BBQ Board and Nationals Coaches work together on this process to objectively put together the best team dynamics with the best potential of each team in mind. Teams may be adjusted at any time if circumstances warrant. BBQ encourages quizzers to represent the life of Christ. BBQ desires that quizzers learn the way of the cross....laying down their life for others, helping others to win, and cheering others on.

V. Badgerland Bible Quizzing Board

A. The BBQ board is a group of people who love Jesus, love His Word, and want to help young people develop the same love. They are coaches, parents, and table officials.

- 1.** The board holds regular meetings to enable the BBQ quiz program to continue.
- 2.** The board consists of members from different churches and each board member brings his/her own experiences as an asset to the board.
- 3.** The board makes financial decisions, tournament decisions, team selections, and decisions pertaining to the BBQ program.
- 4.** The board must have one representative from each couple present to vote unless it's an emergency.
- 5.** 2/3's vote from the board members is needed to determine an emergency meeting. If 2/3's of the board members can not be present all reasonable attempts will be made to contact the other members.
- 6.** After a full and complete discussion the board must have a majority vote to move forward on a decision and will not move forward until all members are willing to support the decision though they may not have voted for it.
- 7.** Board members may remove themselves from a meeting, or part of a meeting, or may be asked to remove themselves during circumstances where it would be a conflict of interest.
- 8.** The Director is appointed yearly before the BQF annual meeting. The appointment will go into effect the first day after the BQF annual meeting.
- 9.** New board members may be appointed by a recommendation from an existing board member and a majority vote from the board.

VI. Conduct

- A.** Through discipleship quizzers are taught to lose graciously, win humbly, respect authority, defend opponents, and encourage each other, all of which bring glory to God. Discipling young people to live this out, teaches them how to apply what they have memorized to their life, be a team player, be a good sport, and how to approach authority respectfully.
- B.** Modesty of conduct and dress are important to Bible Quizzing. Inappropriate behavior or clothing is prohibited at BBQ functions. BBQ reserves the right to ask a person to leave or make corrections if there becomes an issue with their behavior or inappropriate dress.
- C.** Shorts or short skirts are not allowed to be worn by quizzers during a quiz meet.

VII. Misconduct

- A.** If any person shall consistently conduct himself/herself in a manner which is in direct violation of clear Biblical command, and is unrepentant, the BBQ board will act in accordance with the Word of God. It's our goal to allow the Word of God to guide us with disciplinary action, balancing truth and love so struggling individuals may be restored to a spiritually healthy condition with full participation in BBQ functions.

B. Relevant scripture verses include: Matthew 18:15-17, Matthew 7:1-6, 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, Titus 3:10, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15, 1 Timothy 5:20, Galatians 6:1, Hebrews 12:10-13, James 5:20, 2 Timothy 2:24-26, Titus 1:13, Isaiah 42:3, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 Cor 13

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of scriptures nor are they above other verses that would be more suited for the circumstance at hand.

VIII. Contact Us

A. You can see us at www.bandgerlandbiblequizzing.org

B. Any questions, or comments, can be directed to the BBQ Board.

C. Please put any concerns that you would like presented to the BBQ Board in writing.

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The board appreciates your prayers as they seek God's wisdom and direction for the BBQ program.