Activity Ops – Teaching Supplies

Source Material – TLT Director’s Guide, Teaching Operations, Logistics #1, 2
1. Assist with procurement of supplies and equipment. Provide substitute or teaching assistance.
2. Assist with set up of the teaching area, distribution of supplies and equipment. Provide clean-up and storage of leftover supplies and equipment following the instruction.

Students
The TLTs who attend this Operation have been in the TLT program for at least 1 years. They have completed Investiture Achievement levels and have some Honors. They should already be acquainted with each other and are building long-lasting relationships. Help them be interactive by having activities that they can do together and be intentional about them working with other TLTs who are not part of their own clubs.

Purpose & Goals of Workshop
This workshop is intended to help TLTs understand and develop the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively deal with teaching supplies and teaching equipment. The goal of the class is to teach the TLTs the basic process of handling the question of teaching supplies and teaching equipment before, during, and after instruction sessions. TLTs should be equipped to cope with teaching supplies and teaching equipment with minimal assistance. It is imperative that this workshop be interactive and activity-based.

Ideas for Workshop activities (in sequences):
• Activity # 1: Divide TLTs into groups of 2 to 4 from different clubs. Ask them to make a list of general teaching supplies and equipment (including equipment they may have at church) they need for a year for a club of 10 Pathfinders. Allow time for each group to make a presentation.
• Activity # 2: Have TLTs go back to their previous group. Ask them to prepare a shopping list from the list in activity # 1 and estimate the cost of each item and the total cost. Have each group write ideas on where they could buy those items on the list, and who are the adults who can help them with buying and transportation. Allow time for each group to make a presentation.
• Activity # 3: Have TLTs go back to their previous group. Ask them to make a list of supplies needed to teach one honor to 10 kids (e.g. Glass Painting) and estimate the total cost. They can go to online stores to check the prices. Allow time for each group to make a presentation.
• Activity # 4: Have TLTs go back to their previous group. Ask them to share how and where do their clubs store teaching supplies and teaching equipment. What do they think are the reasons behind the way things are stored that way? Allow time for each group to make a presentation.
• Facilitate discussion among the TLTs about what their clubs do to deal with teaching supplies and teaching equipment (Intent is for them to get ideas from other clubs so when they go back to their own Staff meetings, they will have some new ideas for their club).

Ideas for Convention activities:
• To make a list of supplies and equipment the TLTs think are needed to run the TLT Convention. Then have the TLTs ask workshop presenters and staff if the TLTs’ lists matches what they have.

Additional Resources:
• For additional teaching supplies ideas please google for “must have teaching supplies”