



# Exile Night Setup

## Registration Area

- ◆ Set up a table for
  - any resources students will receive for the night
  - an area to sign waivers or other necessary forms
- ◆ Display the Exile Night flag as a background for photos, or allow students to hold the flag for photos.
- ◆ **Family Med Pack** setup:
  - To make packing the Family Med Packs easier, we suggest sorting items into five bins:
    1. Dental (toothbrushes and dental floss)
    2. Hygiene (washcloths, antiseptic wipes and bars of soap)
    3. Medical (Band-Aids, gauze and medical tape)
    4. Self-Care (lip balm, nail clippers and comb and/or hairbrushes)
    5. Other (Items not on the list that students brought anyway. These should not be put in the Med Packs. Example: liquid items.)

## Food Area

Please see the Authentic Food handout. All you should need for dinner is a couple of tables on which to place the food and paper products. Students can sit in small groups on the ground.

## Sleeping Area

- ◆ Exile Night can be either an indoor event or an outdoor event.
  - The point of the **outdoor event** is for students to experience what the exiles experience. The tents (if they have tents) should be right next to each other, crammed together to optimize space.
  - The atmosphere of the **indoor event** should make students feel crowded, with little personal space. This is the reality of many refugee families. For example, many refugees live in an uncompleted hotel room with several other families.
- ◆ Here are two suggested sleeping arrangements:
  - **Outdoor event**
    - You can set up two large tents, one for girls and one for boys, or numerous smaller tents.
    - Students can bring 3 things from the list on the Necessities Sheet, so some may have tents while others do not.
      - This is completely up to the leader's discretion and the weather.
    - For a more authentic experience, you could even rent portable toilets for students to use at night, instead of allowing them to go inside.
    - Set up a water station outside so students can get water when they need it.





- **Indoor event**

- Divide a gymnasium or other large room into smaller “rooms” with blankets and tarps thrown over ropes. You can separate boys from girls by setting up “rooms” in separate areas of the gymnasium or large room.
- Again, you could have a water station set up if there are no drinking fountains in the sleeping room. This way students are confined to the “camp” and aren’t walking around the church.