

Story Share Cafe: Sample Plan

Example: Childhood Summer Vacations

Patrons come together to share their memories of childhood

Projected Outcomes:

- Reduce social isolation
- Create community
- Provide cognitive stimulation
- Provide educational materials

Program Prep:

- ☐ Food
 - ☐ Get food and drink that ties to the theme:
 - ☐ Lemonade
 - ☐ Watermelon
 - ☐ Salt Water Taffy/Fudge
- ☐ Pictures
 - ☐ [Brainstorm Topics](#)
 - ☐ Choose pictures (~16) ([samples below](#))
 - ☐ Print
- ☐ Create discussion questions ([sample](#))
- ☐ Pull summer books for display

Before the Program:

- ☐ Put water in fridge
- ☐ Pull books from the display
- ☐ Pick up donuts

Set-Up:

- ☐ Bring up pictures and books
- ☐ Bring donuts and food
- ☐ Make coffee
- ☐ Make hot water
- ☐ Put out water and cups

During Program:

- ☐ Enjoy conversation and help keep it moving and inclusive of all attendees
- ☐ Get feedback on topics & format

Post Program:

- ☐ Debrief with discussion
- ☐ Enter statistics

Potential Topics:

- Theme parks
- Campgrounds
- Cabins
- Beaches/swimming/pools
- Summer camp
- Family reunions
- Lightning bugs
- Lemonade Stands
- Ice Cream
- Fishing
- Boating

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you have a favorite theme park or traveling show when you were growing up?
2. Did you camp as a kid? Was it in a park? In the backyard? At a campground?
3. Did you go to a cabin when you were growing up? Where was it? What was your favorite thing about it?
4. Did you enjoy swimming as a kid? Did you prefer a pool or the beach?
5. Did you ever attend a summer camp? What do you remember most fondly about it?
6. Did you ever attend a family reunion? Was it in the summer? Did you travel for it or did people come to you? Or was every day your family reunion?
7. Do you have favorite memories of playing in your backyard or garden?
8. Did you ever have a lemonade or kool-aid stand? Did you engage in any other summer jobs like mowing lawns or being a paper boy or girl?
9. What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Has that always been your favorite? Or have your taste buds changed?
10. Did you ever go on boats as a kid? Did you row them or ride them? Do you enjoy boating today?
11. Do you enjoy fishing? Were there other leisure activities that you did with your family?

Sample Pictures (print each on an individual full sheet of paper)



