

What is FCA's Campus Ministry?

The Campus Ministry is initiated and led by student-athletes with guidance from coaches on junior high, high school and college campuses. The programs of the Campus Ministry include Huddles, team Bible studies, chapel programs, Team FCA membership, One Way 2 Play – Drug Free! program and special events.

Our FCA Campus Ministries are designed to impact a Campus. Though we have different programs to impact a campus we have common goals for each of the programs:

Sharing Christ – Ultimate purpose and meaning comes from a personal relationship with Jesus. Our Campus Ministries desire to help athletes realize that faith in Jesus has positive effects in a person's life.

Seeking Christ – Our Campus Ministries provide the environment and direction to help those who are interested in seeking God. Opportunities come in Huddle meetings, team Bible studies, team chapels, etc. Those involved also are trained to seek God on their own through "quiet times," personal Bible studies, involvement in a local church, etc.

Leading Others – The FCA Campus Ministry can serve as a training ground for leaders of tomorrow. These student-led, student-initiated groups provide opportunities for these emerging leaders to have a great impact as they learn to be a leader for Christ.

Loving Others – In our Campus Ministries, we strive to demonstrate and live lives of total acceptance and love. In these environments, young people have the opportunity to grow and develop into the people they were destined to be.

Who can participate?

Even though FCA targets athletes and coaches, a school's Campus Ministry should never place restrictions on its memberships. As athletes grow in their faith, those athletes will desire to reach out to the entire student body. This does not mean, however, that the Campus Ministry should abandon the common ground of athletics.

What is a Huddle Coach?

A Huddle Coach is a coach, faculty member or volunteer who assists the student leaders in organizing and carrying out the FCA programs and activities.

Huddle Coaches will fill many roles. They may serve as coaches, trainers, teammates and even referees. However, the most important quality in a Huddle Coach is their commitment to seeing the lives of young people change through Jesus Christ and athletics.

Where can I get help?

FCA can help in many ways. Most Campuses have FCA Staff in close proximity who is available for training and support. In addition, we provide many resources for you and your Campus Ministry.

Campus Ministry Kit – Everything you need to succeed! Videos, meeting plans, personal encouragement and more.

FCA Playbook – A handbook for FCA leaders that gives the "nuts and bolts" of how to organize and facilitate a Huddle. A must for the Huddle Coach and student leadership!

Huddle Coach Network – A web-based monthly newsletter for Huddle Coaches that includes spiritual encouragement, Huddle ideas, FCA news, answers to difficult questions, and a review of available resources.

Access to FCA Gear – More than 100 items of merchandise and ministry resources – clothing, videos, books and more. For more information call toll free at (800) 386-0941, or visit us on the web at www.fcagear.com.

Insurance – You will be covered under FCA's liability insurance coverage and have access to Accident/ Medical Insurance for FCA sponsored events in the U.S.

How do I get started?

1. **Pray.** Ask the Lord to prepare your FCA start-up.
2. **Contact your FCA Staff.** They will give you a better understanding of FCA's purpose, philosophy and programs. To find information on your local FCA office call toll free (800) 289-0909, or visit the **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** web site.
3. **Seek the Administration's blessing.** FCA should be student-initiated and student-led. Students should meet with school administrators to obtain approval, and provide them with information regarding the FCA ministry.
4. **Certify your Campus.** Use the Online Certification tool on FCA's web site: www.fca.org/certify.
5. **Complete the Ministry Leader Application.** This can be obtained through your local FCA staff, or it can be completed online: www.fca.org/mla
6. **Identify Student Leaders/Huddle Coaches.** Identify the students who are most likely to be leaders in your FCA, and ask Christian adults to be Huddle Coaches. (It is ideal if the adults are coaches at your school.)
7. **Surround yourself with volunteers.** Adult Ministries are designed to support the FCA. These adults can meet together, raise funds and assist in activities.
8. **Determine the impact.** There are many ways you can impact your campus. Decide if you want to start a Huddle, lead a team Bible study or develop a team chaplain program.
9. **Hold a Leadership meeting.** Have a meeting with the Leadership Team and your FCA staff to learn about the great resources in the Campus Ministry Kit. Discuss meeting schedule, FCA-provided materials, and the impact that FCA will have on your campus.
10. **Complete Basic Training.** In your Campus Ministry Kit you will find our Huddle Playbook. In the Playbook are five leadership training sessions called: Basic Training. Take time to complete these lessons with your leadership team.
11. **Build a Plan.** In the Basic Training lessons you will learn how to utilize FCA's resources to do ministry on your campus. Use the Planning Sheets found in the Resource section of the Huddle Playbook to build two months worth of ministry plans. Then regularly meet with your leadership team to put the plan in motion and to continue the planning process.
12. **Evaluate.** FCA has provided a great tool to help you lead the best campus ministry possible. The Huddle Scouting Report will help you evaluate all the important areas of your ministry. It is found in the Huddle Playbook, on the Huddle eEquipment CD and on the web in our Huddle eEquipment.
13. **Ongoing Leadership Training.** All great teams have that extra advantage – The X Factor. FCA's ongoing training for our leaders is that extra advantage. Leadership teams should meet regularly to pray, plan their campus ministry and further develop their leadership abilities by working through all 15 of our X Factor lessons found on the Huddle eEquipment CD.

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