

GRADUATION STICKS

Purpose

To ensure all participants receive a creative, lovely and thoughtful memento to take away from their time at Awaken.

****This job role is highly recommended for the Admin Captain, along with Homework & Printed Materials*

Way of Being

Creative, "artsy," detail-oriented.

Mechanics

There is no right or wrong way to make graduation sticks. You can make them as simple or elaborate as you choose. Let God use your creativity! The goal is to be intentional and take time with them rather than the sticks being sloppy or more of an after-thought. It will be something that some of the participants cherish as a memory of their time at Awaken.

Here is what one person in this role from a previous team shared as a way of suggestion:

When we did sticks, we painted the sticks. We also made labels sized to fit that included our team scripture for the back of the stick and a label the said "Participant Lives!" (Insert their name). Here is an example of how we made our graduation sticks.

Again, this is only an example. Be creative. We used popsicle sticks, paint, labels, mod podge to seal the sticks, inspirational silver word charms, and rhinestones. You can use inspirational charms, stickers, paint, rhinestones, glitter spray paint, anything that you wish to decorate the graduation sticks for the participants.

You will make one stick per participant. You will also make one for each member of the team including the Trainer(S). Their stick will read "Team member Gives!" (Insert their name there).

(Graduation sticks are typically done by the homework person. But you can enlist the help of any of the team members, as well as consider an outside grad who is creative and good at things like this!)

The sticks are handed out on the final day after lunch when the Trainer indicates that it is time. Make sure that prior to this time, the team members have the sticks divvied

out between them. Sometimes team members have a preference about whose they hand out.

***Please make sure that you have the sticks done and completed prior to the day of set-up. This is project to be done with creativity and intentionality, not at the last minute or in a way that would communicate anything except excellence and care.

