



Amazing Race Competition

Make exploring your local community exciting by hosting an Amazing Race. The Amazing Race is a reality game show where teams race against each other in a global scavenger hunt. The teams must make specific stops, where they will complete different challenges to gather clues that will help them move forward in the game. Similarly, you could have people enter as teams and set up challenges around your local area and the teams would complete the challenges to move forward and reach the finish line.

Planning your Amazing Race

Before the Day:

Brainstorming and decision making:

1. Decide what kind of Amazing Race you want to have
 - Is it going to have lots of people?
 - Not many people?
 - i. Do you need a guest list?
 - Decide on a few viable dates
 - Decide on a location
 - What will the participation cost be? (Factor in the cost of the resources and equipment needed for the different activities the teams will participate in)
 - What will the clues be?
 - How many clues will you have?
 - What difficulty will the clues be?
 - Will your clues have a theme?

Promotion:

2. Create or use the existing flyers and fill out the relevant information.
 - Date
 - Time
 - Location
 - Contact details
 - RSVP date (so that you can get an estimate of the number of people that are coming)
 - Cost of participation
3. Distribute posters (letterbox drop, announce your event at your church, share with family and friends).

Equipment and Resources:

4. Organise volunteers
 - Roles of volunteers

- i. To stand at each location and watch teams complete the challenges and give them the next clue.
 - ii. Organising the event (brainstorming and organising the equipment needed for the different activities that the teams will participate in).
 - iii. Monitoring the teams and giving hints to clues where necessary
 - iv. Packing everything away at the end of the event
5. Based on the RSVPs:
- Finalise teams
 - How many participants per team? Does that amount suit the challenges/activities which will be run?

On the day:

- Organise volunteers to be where they need to be
- Monitor the event.

Timeline for your Amazing Race							
Week 1	Planning/ Decision Making	Preparing venues (<i>if needed</i>)	Brainstorm the different challenges and requirements of them			Prepare posters to be sent out	Send out posters and social media posts
Week 2	Organise Volunteers (from now)	Prepare Amazing Race clues			Begin gathering equipment required for the challenges		Continued: Amazing Race clues and gathering equipment required
Week 3		Do a practice run of the Amazing Race		Have all Amazing Race clues finished		Purchase/borro w acquire the required equipment	
Week 4	Finalise R.S.V.Ps			Contact volunteers and brief them of their roles	Buy Food + Drinks (<i>or tomorrow: if having food/drinks</i>)	Make sure everything is ready: set up or ready to be set up, pending on the location you have chosen	Amazing Race!

(This is a recommendation) (At least 3 weeks prior to the Amazing Race commencing you should let people know about the event and promote it)

Venues

Ideas on where to hold your Amazing Race include:

- Your neighbourhood
- At your church and the surrounding area (depending on the size and location of your church, ensuring there is plenty of space for the different activities to take place)
- The shopping centre

Things to remember!

Make sure you have parental supervision or people over the age of 18 years old who have a Working with Children Check if you are wanting to involve children.

Be sure to remind everyone participating to be respectful of the public. Make sure everyone follows the rules of the shopping centre or any place you choose to hold your Amazing Race.

- Make sure your Amazing Race is **age-appropriate**. If it's only for kids, the clues will be very different than if you're aiming it more at adults or family groups.
- Don't make it too easy, you need to include a few **tougher riddles/clues/activities/challenges**.

Volunteers/helpers

You may like to ask your friends and family to help you distribute flyers, come up with ideas, lead a team, judge and monitor the different activities/challenges, score, etc.

Cost

The price on how much you would like to charge for participating in the Amazing Race is up to your own discretion. Think about bigger families and how you can make it affordable for them whilst still making a profit. Consider the venue hire (if you need one), resources and equipment you need for your event and factor that in with the cost for the participants.

Ideas

- Have around the world theme: each checkpoint/challenge can represent a different country or continent and which could be based around that country.
- Have each team designated with a colour, and allow for the teams to create their own name.

What could your Amazing Race look like?

1. Teams begin at the starting line, and receive their first clue
2. They then figure out what the next location is and they go there, they complete a challenge and get the next clue.
3. This continues until one team reaches the finish line.

