

Steps for beginning a Rosebuds© group

1. Pray, pray and pray for Gods leading with your group Ask God to direct you to the Godly women and girls that He wants you to have in the group. Our group was started by two Godly women named Wendi and Amy. Wendi and Amy had a vision for the group but they knew that with out God and prayer the group would never prosper. God was faithful to their prayers and brought together fifteen different families from eight different cities and various churches. Our common thread was love for our precious Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to train our daughters to become Godly young women.

2. Schedule a preliminary social for all the ladies and their daughters so that they can have time to get acquainted with one another. We usually have an ice cream social each June. *It will be ideal if the first year of Rosebuds© can be laid out and totally planned by one or two coordinators. After that the subsequent years can be planned out and organized by all the mothers making it a cooperative effort.*

3. At the preliminary social:

- a. start with prayer
- b. have a time of introduction involving an ice breaker
- c. handout paper discussing the vision, mission and goals of Rosebuds©
(These can be found on our website)
- d. have a handout that list the units that are going to be studied during the year, including the date, time, location, and guest speaker that will talk on the topic.
- e. have a handout Roster that list all of the ladies names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, and names of daughters with birthdates.
- f. Chose a Rosebuds© song to be sung at each meeting. *We used "I Will Sing" by Judy Rogers*

4. As the coordinator of the group:

- a. choose which topics you want to use and work on attaining a Godly older woman to share her talents on that topic. Pray and ask God to bring to mind the right Godly older women for each unit.
- b. work on attaining a location for each months meetings. Make sure the rooms you request will meet all of your needs, such as enough space and the ability to cook, paint etc... *The majority of our meetings have been held in churches.*
- c. Start to develop a requirement sheet for each of the units. The requirement sheets should have 5-8 requirements that the girls need to complete before attaining their button at the end of the three months. Each girl is allowed 3 months to complete a requirement sheet although some older Rosebuds© may complete the requirement and receive their button in one or two months.
- d. Work on finding a button for each unit. We found all of ours at the local JoAnn Fabrics but any sewing store will have a good selection of novelty buttons. Each button should represent what the girls learned through completing the unit. The buttons will be pinned on the Rosebud sashes. The girls helped their mothers make the sashes during the time between the social and the first Rosebuds© meeting.

- e. Gather any supplies that will be needed for the first meeting.
- f. Mail out an information sheet the month before the first meeting telling everyone the time, date, and location of the meeting. Also let them know if there is anything that you need them to bring along to the meeting. Example a bible, markers for a craft, mixing bowl for cooking etc...

5. The first meeting:

Here is an example of our first meeting

6:30 PM; arrival, greetings, groups announcements, devotional and prayer

6:40 PM; introduce guest speaker

6:45 PM; Guest speaker shares about being a Godly hostess

7:00 PM; Activity on the proper way to set the table (each girl has her own set of cups, spoons, napkins etc... and practices setting the table correctly.

7:30 PM; Craft, making a pretty center piece for the table

8:00 PM; Healthy snack and socialization time. Girls are encouraged to play quiet lady like games and not run around and act wild.

8:30 PM; The evening comes to a close, requirement sheets, and information sheets for the next meeting are handed out. *In our group the coordinator keeps all of the papers for each family in a large plastic organizer and each family is responsible for picking up their papers before the end of the evening. Using this method ensures that someone will not get missed if they have to leave the meeting early. We mail the papers out to anyone who might have missed a meeting.*