

## Calendar for the Midweek Experience

### Preparation Countdown

- 8 Weeks in Advance - Leader Recruiting: Sign up leaders for each role
- 6 Weeks in Advance - Player Recruiting: Recruit students for GAMELIFE
- 5 Weeks in Advance - Order resource tools (See [www.GAMELIFE77.com](http://www.GAMELIFE77.com)) and gather game supplies
- 4 Weeks in Advance - Leaders' Training Meeting: Pray and explain goals, roles, and responsibilities
- 1 Week in Advance - Leaders' Preparation Meeting: Practice leading the first Training Session

### Sample: GAMELIFE Training Year

The GAMELIFE Training Year is made up of 24 Training Sessions. The fall/winter Training Season starts in September and runs for 12 weeks, ending with a Christmas Celebration. The winter/spring Training Season begins in January and runs for 12 weeks, concluding with an Easter Celebration.

The sample calendar below provides the schedule for a typical Training Year:

Week 1: Registration / 1 <sup>st</sup> Training Session	Week 13: Training Session
Week 2: Training Session	Week 14: Training Session
Week 3: Training Session / Reward Store	Week 15: Training Session / Reward Store
Week 4: Training Session	Week 16: Training Session
Week 5: Training Session	Week 17: Training Session / Bring a Parent
Week 6: Training Session	Week 18: Training Session
Week 7: Training Session / Reward Store	Week 19: Training Session / Reward Store
Week 8: Training Session	Week 20: Training Session
Week 9: Training Session / Bring a Friend	Week 21: Training Session / What's Your 77?*
Week 10: Training Session	Week 22: Training Session
Week 11: Training Session / Pie in the Face	Week 23: Training Session / Reward Store
Week 12: Training Session / Reward Store	Week 24: Final Awards and Family Worship
Christmas Celebration (No GAMELIFE curriculum)	Easter Celebration (No GAMELIFE curriculum)

### Additional Calendar Events

**Volunteer Appreciation Night:** After the Training Year, express appreciation for the commitment and dedication of all leaders. Request feedback to improve the next Training Year.

**What's Your 77? Session\*:** Players dress in what they want to be when they grow up.

**Challenge and Reward Celebration:** Choose a reasonable goal for students to achieve and celebrate with a special treat or activity. Example: all players earn the first two wristbands.

**Christmas/Easter Celebrations:** Since most churches have their own traditions for celebrating these holidays, GAMELIFE does not provide curriculum for them.

## Weekly Training Session Schedule

Schedule A: For locations with sufficient space, use the following schedule:

Weekly Training Session Schedule A		
Time	Activity Location	Activity Description
30 min	Area 1 (outdoor or indoor open area)	Game Zone: Everyone plays games
30 min	Sitting Area (for players and coaches to split into groups with tables or trays)	Discovery Zone: Coaches take their team members to tables for Bible discovery
20 min	Open Area (space for large group gathering and worship)	Life Zone: Students regroup for Group Connection Questions and worship
10 min	Sitting Area (for players and coaches to split into groups for discussion)	Life Zone: Coaches take their team members for Huddle Up Questions

Schedule B: For locations with sufficient space for the entire group of students to play games, the following alternating area schedule can be used to double the number of players who can participate.

Weekly Training Session Schedule B		
Time	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
30 min	Game Area: Game Zone*	Sitting Area: Discovery Zone*
30 min	Sitting Area: Discovery Zone*	Game Area: Game Zone*
20 min	Open Area: Life Zone Group Connection Questions and Worship	
10 min	Sitting Area: Life Zone Huddle Up Questions with Coaches and Players in groups	

\*The Game Zone Area can be occupied by one half of the group and the Discovery Zone can be occupied by the other half. After 30 minutes, the groups can switch locations and activities for the next 30 minutes. Afterwards, everyone can gather in the same open area for Worship and for the large group portion of the Life Zone then separate into teams for the small group portion.