

EVENT PACKET

Congratulations on your invitation to have a Canines for Christ booth at an event! Events can be very exciting, tiring, and rewarding. They can be small, medium, or large. They can be indoors or outdoors. They can last a few hours to a few days. Each one will have specific needs, and then optional items depending on the event.

First, if you are being charged for the booth, please run the numbers by Chaplain Leslie Parish (chaplainlesliec4c@outlook.com). Please present to them all the costs involved, which will include the space for the booth, any additional charges such as use of electricity, Wi-Fi connection, carpeting requirements, cleaning fee, etc. Canines for Christ will help with expenses that are reasonable, but any donation towards the cost is sincerely appreciated. It is very important to get all the fees the facility wants from you in writing, and make sure there are no hidden fees that could crop up unexpectedly.

For indoor and outdoor event booths, you will need:

- a 6-foot table
- a tablecloth to cover it and a table skirt if required
- a chair or two for the volunteers working the booth
- a kennel for the dog(s) to take a rest from petting
- a dog bowl for water
- a vertical Canines for Christ banner and banner stand (available through C4C store on the website)
- extension cord(s) (if not provided) and if electricity is available
- laptop (optional if you want it for people to join online and/or showcase one of the videos from the C4C website)
- Clipboard with lined paper for names and email addresses of interested people who want to know more about C4C
- Pens for the clipboard

For outdoor event booths, you will need additionally:

- a large dog bowl for water
- paperweights to hold down brochures, books, etc.
- fans for the dogs and humans (optional)
- portable outdoor canopy or tent (if not provided by the facility)
- bottled water, preferably kept cold in ice chests/coolers

Items that will be on the table (free from Canines for Christ website store):

- Cross Lapel Pins
- Canines for Christ pens
- Ministry brochures for Canines for Christ, Junior Handler Program, Study Buddy, Steps to Peace with God, and C4C's Who is Jesus?
- Books for adults, such as <u>2 Chairs</u>, <u>God Will Carry You Through</u>, and <u>Imagine Heaven</u>, <u>Jesus is Calling</u>, <u>31 Days of Prayer</u> and <u>The Adventures of Dellie O'Shea (written for 9–12-year-olds</u>, but adults love the stories)

Items that are not free, but will also be on the table:

- Your personal ministry cards (\$30 for 250 cards)
- Canines for Christ's branded Gospel of John (\$1 each and optional)
- Glass bowl with candy (suggest hard candy for adults, lollipops for children)

We have created an event package available for ordering through the website store (https://koforchrist.org/store). It will include the cross lapel pins, Canines for Christ pens, ministry brochures, copies of the free books, a vertical banner and stand. We request a \$55 donation to cover part of the cost of the banner and stand. Look for the event package in the store and click on the button to order. If you need more than what is included in the package, please indicate your needs when placing your order online. If you already have a banner and stand, please order the items you need individually from the store. Place the order well in advance of the event, as shipping can get to be a problem these days, through no fault of Canines for Christ. Remember to always keep your rabies certificate and a copy of Canines for Christ's insurance with you while at the booth, even if you have given them to the event organizers previously.

You may want to consider holding a drawing for a basket of goodies. You can include a C4C branded ball cap (\$15), a C4C tote bag (\$5), some of the books, a Canines for Christ pen, one of your personal ministry cards, the Gospel of John, a cross lapel pin, and one copy of each of the brochures. You may include a shirt and bandana in the basket. A certificate for a free membership

to Canines for Christ can be included, if the winner understands they must meet the qualifications to submit the certificate to Canines for Christ. Please email Chaplain Leslie Parish for the free membership certificate at chaplainlesliec4c@outlook.com. To have them enter, have a double roll of raffle tickets available and a bucket or bowl/jar to put in the half with their name and email address on it (they keep the other half with the number). If it is a one-day event, you can do multiple drawings, if you choose. You can also put candy in the basket if you would like, but make sure the candy does not contain anything that could cause an allergic reaction.

If you need more information and/or questions, please email Chaplain L Chaplain Leslie Parish at <u>chaplainlesliec4c@outlook.com</u>.

If you are looking for a few suggestions on events you might enter, please see below:

Local Chick Fil-A Events

Coffee with a Cop (<u>https://coffeewithacop.com</u>)

YMCA Events

Sporting Events

Final exam time at local colleges, tech schools and universities

Wellness Health fairs

Your Church (mission events, VBS, fall festivals, etc.)

Local Christmas Markets

Local Holiday Events for the Family

5K and Marathon Events (at the start and/or finish lines)

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This is your showcase for Jesus Christ and the Canines for Christ ministry. Be in prayer over what you will say and do and trust God to use you in a mighty way for His glory and honor!