

## YALS TEEN PROGRAMMING IDEAS

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Zombie Project Runway

**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Teens work to create zombies using limited materials and makeup. (not an original idea, stumbled over it on web ☺)

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

Makeup, hand held mirrors, old clothing, timer or clock. Extras but not necessary: microphone, index cards, wigs.

**COST:** Inexpensive if you shop after Halloween sales for makeup. I spent less than twenty on makeup. Old clothes given to me from a rummage sale.

**PROGRAM PROCEDURE:**

Project Zombie Runway is based loosely on the tv show Project Runway. (not an original idea, stumbled over it online☺ ) Here is how it works:

The teens arrived and worked in teams- a model and a designer or a designer could be his/her own model.

Make up and mirrors(hand held) are provided and they were given a short amount of time to zombifie themselves.

Stress and fun is multiplied by yelling out how little time they have left in regular intervals. In our program I gave them thirty minutes. In the same thirty minutes they have to prepare clothes to wear, mostly tearing but a couple got creative with red (bloody...eww) handprints on the backs of shirts.

I managed to get a couple of bags of old clothes at a rummage sale for nothing and that was a great find. I had planned to go to Goodwill or another used clothing store to ask for handouts. The makeup was probably the most expensive part of the deal, but if you hit the stores right after Halloween there are bargains to be found! I found some string purple lighting and that laid the basis for the runway and blacklights helped with the ambience. I was lucky enough to have a gregarious teen who wanted to mc.

Each team or designer wrote a few key words on an index card, but the mc is encouraged to adlib. The zombies' ensembles were to be judged on realism, gore appeal and creativity. (My teens came up with the criteria, I would encourage you to ask your own teens, it gives them focus during the creation! ) I purchased some plastic skeleton hands so they all got a hand afterwards, some more hands than others.

For refreshments we served cookies that look like severed fingers, candy eyeballs and other assorted disgustingly delightful treats.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

(Include duration of program, suggested number of participants)

Duration depends on number of participants and how long you decide to give them to get zombied up. An hour at the very least.

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