

Coaching Scenarios

SCENARIO 1

You are trying to arrange a field trip to a play and a restaurant on a tight budget for a group of 30 youth. You write to the restaurant explaining your situation, and ask for a discount or gift certificates for free meals. The restaurant owner calls you and says they are touched by your passion for your work and says he will send you 30 gift certificates in the mail. When the mail arrives, there are 45 gift certificates—it is clearly a mistake. One colleague urges you to call the restaurant, inform them of what happened and offer to return the extra certificates. Another colleague suggests you keep the extra 15 certificates to auction off at a program fundraiser—she reasons your program needs the money more than the restaurant. What would you do?

SCENARIO 2

You run a debate group with 20 diverse students. The program was started because you realized the youth love to argue with each other. One of the students is highly religious and constantly quotes the bible as the “final authority” on a topic during debates. You can tell that it makes the other students uncomfortable as they don’t want to be disrespectful and put down someones religious beliefs. What would you do?