

WoodsEdge Student Serving Teams

Welcome & Information



Dear Student/Parent,

Thank you for choosing to be a part of a WoodsEdge Student Serving Team. We are confident that the Lord is going to do incredible things through your service. Within this packet you will find the Vision, Expectations, Responsibilities, and Guidelines for our Serving Teams.

As we begin this journey together, we want you to know that you are greatly loved and cared for. You are being prayed for constantly. You are a part of our family, and we want you to know that this is now YOUR team – so take ownership of it! If you have an idea, share it. If you think there is something we could be doing better, tell us about it. If you would like to see something work differently, let us know. We are here for *you*.

The purpose of this team is to exalt the name of Jesus by praying for and engaging His people. And our prayer for you is that this would be a place where you can use the gifting the Lord has provided you in order to glorify his Name. Be excited about that, because there is no telling how the Lord is going to grow us as we chase after Him together!

We pray this season will be a time of growth for you and for your love of the Lord. We pray this season will be a time where you can develop as a leader. And we pray this will be a season where you discover how valuable you are to the advancing of God's Kingdom.

Welcome to the team!

The WoodsEdge Student Staff

Vision

- **Love Jesus**

In all that we do, this is our main goal: to love Jesus together. God's highest command is to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In everything we do and say, we will love Jesus because he first loved us. Our service is part of our offering to Jesus. It is part of our worship. The primary motivation for serving in any leadership capacity should always be because we love Jesus.

- **Journey Together**

God's second highest command is to love our neighbor. We do this by making everyone feel welcome, accepted, and loved by God. As each student walks in, we should be quick to breathe a prayer over them. If they are new, we should be quick to connect them with other students. We should always be quick to include them, support them, and show them around. As we were welcomed into God's Kingdom, we should be quick to welcome others warmly.

- **Bring Hope to the World**

We need to always be aware that the people coming through our doors are coming to us from all different backgrounds, situations, and churches. Perhaps they've never been to church, and perhaps they've been at WoodsEdge all their life. Whatever the case, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to these people and to speak hope and life over them. We may never know how deeply we may have impacted someone's life just by welcoming them into our church with open arms.

Expectations & Responsibilities

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.
As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow,
so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.
Ephesians 4:16*

Expectations

- Spend unhurried time with God everyday
 - Actively be part of a small group
 - Lead the way in respecting authority
 - Refrain from gossip and judgment toward others
 - Maintain appropriate boundaries and behavior with the opposite sex
 - Serve with a high standard of excellence and professionalism
 - Know when you are scheduled and be on time
 - Communicate well in advance if you cannot keep your serving commitment
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Responsibilities

- Exalt the name of Jesus by word and deed
- Follow the directions of the Student Staff and/or Team Leaders
- Commit to developing a heart of service
(As leaders, we should be the first people to step-up and serve no matter the situation; always be on the lookout for things to help with)

Dress Code

As leaders, how we present ourselves sends a message to everyone around us. We should always be mindful of who we are representing and what we are communicating to others in how we dress.

*We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us,
and no one will find fault with our ministry.*

2 Corinthians 6:3

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- Short shorts, short skirts, and short dresses are prohibited. The only exception is if you are wearing leggings underneath. (Tights and hose are *not* considered leggings)
 - Keep your undergarments *under* your clothing at all times
 - Strapless tops, crop tops, and low-cut bro tanks are prohibited
 - Inappropriate or offensive slogans, messages, or symbols on clothing or belongings is prohibited
 - Our role as leaders is more important than our outfits. If we're unsure of the appropriateness of our clothing, let's choose not to wear it.

Discipline

Serving in ministry is a privilege, and that privilege comes with certain responsibilities. When we are assigned a task, others in the ministry are counting on us to carry it out with heart, excellence, and in a timely manner. If we fail to carry out our responsibilities, other people are forced to pick-up the slack. As such, complete cooperation is necessary to be part of a serving team.

*Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say.
Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God.
Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow.
That would certainly not be for your benefit.*
Hebrews 13:17

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- If for any reason it is decided that you cannot serve under the leadership in place in your ministry, you may be asked to step down.
 - If you arrive to service having chosen not to respect the dress code, you will forfeit the opportunity to serve that day. If you continue to choose not to adhere to the dress code, the WESM Staff will discuss options with you and/or your parents and you may be asked to step down.
 - If you fail to notify your coach in a reasonable amount of time that you cannot serve on a pre-scheduled day, you may be suspended from the schedule by the ministry leader. If you are already scheduled during the suspension period, you will be rescheduled accordingly.