

# 2015 Youth Ministry Orientation

## A Typical Week in Wilmore's Youth Ministry

Sunday 9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday 4:00 p.m.	Various Student-Leadership Teams
Sunday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	SNL – Sunday Night Life
Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Covenant Groups

## In-depth: Sunday School

We intentionally dive deep into Bible Study during Sunday School. This year we're unpacking the Life of Jesus. Students who would like to do so are invited to lead the lesson.

## In-depth: Student-Leadership Teams

### What are Student-Leadership Teams?

- For most of these teams, the students carry out their projects from start to finish. They have a student-coach who leads them, and an adult coach who offers guidance, helps the group think through various issues they might come up against, and makes sure everyone in the group is included.

### Team Meeting Schedule Starting in September:

- Planning Teams
  - Youth Ministry Team 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month at 4:00 p.m.
  - Worship Design Team 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month at 4:00 p.m.
  - Rec. Team 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month at 4:00 p.m.
- Weekly SNL Teams (only the people who are leading this week need to be there)
  - Drama Team Weekly at 4:00 p.m. with those who are leading this week
  - Praise Band Weekly at 4:00 p.m. with those who are leading this week

## In-depth: SNL (Sunday Night Life)

As our main night of youth group, we meet in the youth area with 6th-12th grade students together for worship, skits, games, and a message. Then we break into small groups, separating by age and gender. To end the night, we finish with a snack.

Our Youth Ministry Team has mapped out our SNL topics for the year to make sure we cover the key themes that are most important for Middle and High School students. To see what we'll be teaching this year, take a look at the attached Youth Ministry Calendar.

We also created space for service, as well as W.Y.A.W.T.K.B.W.A.T.A , a time for students to choose the topic. (It stands for "What you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask".) Because we want students to wrestle with these questions with the help of Christian adults who love God and care about them, rather than wait until they grow up, we focus on helping students explore the full range of Christian perspectives on these issues

## In-depth: Wednesday Night Covenant Groups

While Sunday's groups focus on discussion, Wednesday's Covenant groups focus on commitment and accountability. Using weekly questions, we will encourage and challenge one another to live out our faith. Each group will form its own covenant, which could include things like confidentiality, no gossiping, listening, and regular attendance. Groups also decide how they will serve together at least once every semester.

### **Do Covenant Groups have to meet on Wednesdays?**

No. Students that want to do this but are not available on Wednesdays can choose any other day of the week to meet. They just have to keep it consistent. Some groups might meet once a month. Others might meet once a week. They might do their accountability questions the whole time or they might start off with a game, like Frisbee Golf.

### **How will parents stay informed of where and when these groups meet?**

Each group will have a student-leader who is in charge of helping facilitate the discussion. For groups that meet outside Wednesday nights, the student-leader will need to send out a message to the students and parents of the group to let them know of any changes to the meeting schedule.

## Mark Your Calendar!

- **Rise of Fall Retreat on November 14-15**
  - Topic: Living a Pure Life in Middle and High School
  - Watch for information on an optional parents-only event preview in October.
- **New Years Lock-in – December 31-January 1**
- **Winter Blitz – January 29-31**
- **SouperBowl Luncheon Fundraiser - February 6-7**
- **SuperBowl Party – February 7**
- **30 Hour Famine – April 1-2**

(See full calendar for more information.)

## How can I stay in the loop?

We have several ways of sending out information so that you can easily find it.

- 1) **E-mail** (Primary way of communicating)
- 2) **Our Youth Facebook Page** (short blurbs, announcements, and reminders)
- 3) **Remind App** (short blurbs, announcements, and reminders)
  - a. To receive messages via text, text @wilmore to 81010 or 859-757-2858. Follow the instructions. It will ask you your name so that we know who is receiving the messages.
  - b. To receive messages via e-mail, send a blank message to [wilmore@mail.remind.com](mailto:wilmore@mail.remind.com)
  - c. To receive app notifications, download the remind app and use the code @wilmore.
- 4) **What about for student-led Groups**
  - a. Sign-up to receive specific information

## How can I help?

- Join rotation to Provide Sunday School Breakfast
- Join a rotation to Teach Sunday School
- Co-Lead an SNL Discussion Group
- Join rotation to Provide SNL Snack
- Co-Lead a Wednesday Night Group or a Group that meets at another time of the week.
- Coach a Team
  - Praise Team
  - Drama Team
  - Rec. Team
  - Worship Design Team
- Champion part of our Youth Ministry
  - Fundraiser Planning Team
  - Missions Planning Team
  - Discipleship Planning Team
  - Track Student Accounts
- Join the Youth Ministry Team