

Student Leadership Application Children's Retreat Ministries

This is a ministry to all Arabic speaking churches in S. California. Its vision is to strengthen kids and youth in their walk with God and to equip leaders to serve in their local church.

What is Student Leadership?

Jesus expected leaders to serve

Jesus gave his disciples an image of leadership that we use as our standard for leadership within our ministry. ***“Jesus called [the disciples] together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’” Matthew 20:25-28***



Not only does Jesus shatter an existing leadership style (being in charge), but he lays out a prescription of a leader that reflects serving others. Serving others is how we define ministry.

This type of servant-leadership is not attractive to most people. It goes in direct opposition to the attitude of putting myself and my needs first, living like the crowd or just having fun. However, this is the type of servant standard that Jesus set and it is what we want reflected by our student leadership.

What A Student Leader Is Committed To

Carefully read every area of commitment below and check the box as you prayerfully examine where you are in this area of your life,

Committed to a Relationship with Christ

I acknowledge the Lordship of Christ Jesus in my life and have a personal relationship with him.

Committed to Growing in Christ

I am committing to spiritual growth through involvement with a youth group.

I am committing to spiritual growth through the following habits of:

- **G**et involved
- **R**ead God's word
- **O**ffer my Best
- **W**orship
- **T**alk with God and pray for others
- **H**elp others with a servant heart

Committed to Living a “No Doubt” Lifestyle

- I am committing to choices, a lifestyle, and attitudes that are Godly, knowing that my actions are model for younger students and peers.

Committed to the Student Ministry

- I am committing to connect and build relationship with younger children to guide them spiritually
- I am committing to help in children ministry or youth ministry on regular basis.
- I am committing to attend all scheduled student leadership meetings.
- I am committing to actively participate in the planning, pre-retreat help, during and after the retreat.
- I am committing to take ownership of the retreat ministry by understanding the rules and values and do what is expected from me in the areas I signed up for.
- I am committing to obey, follow the lead and be accountable to my assigned leaders and to senior leaders during the retreat.**

We're asking a lot from student leaders and because of this, we realize leadership isn't for everyone. Many people feel they are not ready for this kind of commitment, Others might not have enough time to commit to attending weekly events and all the children's ministry requirements. **If student leadership isn't for you, don't worry about it.** Not being involved in student leadership isn't necessarily a measure of your spiritual maturity. We are committed to you and want to help you continue to grow spiritually regardless of your involvement.

How to Become a Student Leader

1. Prayerfully consider all the student leader commitments.
2. Talk with your parents and your leaders, and evaluate the commitments.
3. Complete the student leader application.
4. Turn in your answers and schedule a conversation about leadership with Maha Hakim, Retreat Director.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and to make a difference.

Student Leader Application

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Grade completed: _____ **School:** _____

Cell Number: () _____ **Home:** _____

Home Address _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____ **My leader's Name:** _____

Please answer all of the following questions.

1. Why do you want to be in student leadership?

2. Describe your relationship with Christ, include some high points that have helped you grow in your walk with the Lord Jesus as your savior?

3. What Strengths do you bring to the student leadership team and what weaknesses you need to work on

4. What are some of the activities you are involved in at your school and in your church?

5. What do you enjoy doing the most with your free time?

6. In your opinion what are some of the challenges that are facing our children at this age and time?

7. How can you make a difference in someone's life and bring them to a close walk with God? Be specific and detailed?

8. What is your favorite memory from the kids retreat or other kids camps you attended?

What is your favorite Bible Verse? Why this one?

Write any comments you would like to share with us:

Signature: _____

Date ___ / ___ / ___