

Leader Announcements-January 10, 2024 (Winter Kickoff-Broomball Night)

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Hello Middle School Ministry volunteers. Happy New year. We made it to 2024, our first Wednesday night with students is this Wednesday, January 10. It's our winter kick off and we are calling it broom ball night, so make sure to wear Your favorite broom ball outfit. I know you all have a broom ball uniform from your favorite broom ball team. Make sure to wear that.

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Just kidding. I don't think broom ball team jerseys are a thing. And I'm from Minnesota, so I would know that. I don't know. I could be wrong if someone out there has a broom ball jersey more power to you. Hopefully we will be able to play broom ball out on the VCC Ice Plaza. I was looking at the forecast. It looks like it's going to be cold enough for the ice to freeze.

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Regardless, we're going to have a fun night on Wednesday filled with rotations, so you'll travel around with your students in your small group Plus, the other students in your grade, and it'll mostly be an activity based night, so there's no worship through music, there's no teaching. There's no small group breakout debrief time like a typical night. It's going to be more of a fun night, a social night to start, to reconnect with your students after the winter break. If you want to see more About the agenda for the night, you can view the agenda on the Volunteer resource page.

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After this week, we will begin a new Wednesday night teaching series called Jesus in the Old Testament. We'll look at some Old Testament passages and how there is evidence of Jesus and his presence and his message even early on in Scripture.

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Make sure to put winter blast on your radar. It's Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28, Dane Fontana from Valley Church is leading worship and one of my mentors, Heather Flies, who I believe is one of the best middle school communicators in the country, Is going to be the speaker at winter blast and we need volunteers like you to come for the weekend in order to make it a success. When he volunteers to supervise students to lead breakout groups, to connect with them, to have fun, to participate in the activities With them. Ask any leader who has been to winter blasts in the past and they'll tell you that a weekend like this is an amazing way to build deeper connections with the students in your small group. We will pay for you to attend because we value your presence so much and you can sign up to let us know that you're coming to winter blast, by clicking the registration button at the

middle school events page, you can enter in yourself as a leader and you'll be able to register yourself for free.

A couple other dates to remember Sunday, February 25 is baptism sunday, so if students are asking, you can let them know about that. We'll have some explore baptism gatherings here over the next few weeks

and something new we're trying this spring on Saturday, March 2nd, in the evening, we're doing volunteer pickleball night, so it's for volunteers Only. it's optional. it's a time for us to build community as volunteer leaders apart from students. If you want to come, you can come play pickleball in the Community Center gym. We'll provide all the equipment, even if you've never played before. We'd love to have you try that out. I think we'll also have some board and card games going on in the cafe that night. So that's Saturday, March 2nd, volunteers only pickleball and game night.

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On the how to win as a middle school volunteer document. Before you show up, #3 says don't serve. Don't do this. Don't serve in middle school ministry---without asking for God's help. Pray regularly. Prayer is more powerful than any of us will ever understand on this Side of heaven and I want to encourage you before this Wednesday night, maybe once this message wraps up, you can say a quick prayer and simply ask God to use you in the lives of middle school students this Wednesday night through your words, through your actions and simply through your presence.

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May you go in God's strengthen his power as you serve middle schoolers. Thanks for all you do!