

Leader Announcements March 20 Transcript

Details for Wednesday, March 20

Hello Middle school volunteers. Welcome back from spring break. These are the middle school volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, March 20.

The theme this Wednesday night is hidden Acres cooking night. We're going to be visited by some of the year round staff from Hidden Acres. They'll talk about summer camp, they'll share a lesson with us, and they're bringing Hidden Acres cookies for us as well.

Staff Scavenger Hunt , March 22

The staff scavenger hunt is coming up this Friday night, March 22nd, please [register yourself](#) to let us know that you're planning on coming. You will drive yourself to the Jordan Creek mall and gather in the food court around 7:00 PM and scatter all around the mall to your various locations. And you will want to think of a disguise That you want to wear for that event. Students will have an hour to an hour and a half to look for you in the mall, and then we'll all come back together before we leave the mall so students can see you in your disguises, and then we'll head back to the Community Center just for some fun time, gym time, pizza hanging out at the end of.

Small Group Night, March 27

Also keep in mind that small group night is coming up on Wednesday, March 27. This is an opportunity for you to connect in a special way with your small group and we'd like for all of you to take advantage of this opportunity since you're used to spending time with middle schoolers on Wednesday nights already, we do not have regular programming. That night we've set aside this time for you to do something intentional with your small group. So there are lots of spaces at the Valley Community Center in the cafe and the gym, or there's rooms in the church building. We can get you a TV if you want to watch a movie or something in the church building or the Community Center. In the past, groups have gone to the Jordan Creek Mall or they've hung out at somebody's house. One time, I think a group was going to do a hike in the woods depending on the weather. So there's lots of options. We've [attached a PDF](#) with some more details and information for you.

And either you can communicate your plans via e-mail with the parents of students in your group, or you can e-mail your plans to Jodi or myself and we'd be happy to send out that information and pass it along to parents of students in your group. You should have already received an e-mail from Michelle Sieber with contact information for parents of students In

your small group. But again, feel free to just e-mail Jodi or I if it would be easier for you to have us do that for You.

How To Win As A Middle School Volunteer

And finally on the how to win as a middle school volunteer documents, I'm on the section that says, you know, you've succeeded when.

Any person's job, whether it's paid or volunteer, is going to be miserable, if there's no metrics for success. If it's not clear what success looks like, and so part of my and Jodie's role is to help clarify that for you. And I think on a certain Wednesday night, you can assess these things for yourself when you walk out of the building.

I believe if you can tell yourself that you've had a successful night, if you do three things, number one, you're able to greet the students in your small group by name with a smile.

#2 you connect with at least one student in a meaningful way during the night. Which could be through conversation, through praying for them, through doing activities with them, or just through laughing through silliness and

#3 you've succeeded on a Wednesday night if you can show or tell at least one student one way that they can deeply love Christ and their neighbors. So in other words, you're able to have one conversation with one student about loving God or loving their neighbors and how students can do that better. So there you go. There's three metrics for success on a Wednesday night. And again, you don't need Jodi or I to assess that for you. You can self assess yourself.

And hopefully you are able to walk out on Wednesday nights with a feeling that you've accomplished something and done something meaningful. And if you do those three things, you're crushing it.

Conclusion

Thanks for everything that you do to serve in middle school ministry. We've got about six weeks left of Wednesday night programming before we're done for the school year. So let's finish strong. Thanks for everything you do. See ya!