

Transcript

Hello middle school volunteers. These are the volunteer announcements for Wednesday, April 10.

The theme this Wednesday is career night so you can dress according to your current career or a dream career that you wish you had or You could dress according to the dream career that you wished you had had. You know, back when you were in middle school or whatever you had hoped to be, When you grow up. You can kind of take that however you want it to be.

There's not going to be a a single large group lesson...we're going to get split guys and girls, guys in the cafe, girls in the gym and there's going to be a panel of guy leaders talking to the guys in a panel of girl leaders talking to the girls in a Q&A style. And those leaders are going to share about what they do for their job, how they ended up in their job and more specifically, How being a follower of Jesus impacts how they do their job, so that's going to be our take on career night.

After that, on April 17, we have senior night Where we're going to honor our high school seniors. We'll also hear from some staff In our Senior High ministry, as a way of helping our 8th graders get ready to transition to high school ministry. And if you want, you can dress like a senior citizen on that night. That's April 17.

Then April 24 is our final Wednesday night with students. That's the last night party and the theme for that night is to be determined. I'm working on that with a group of 7th graders.

We have an event this Saturday, April 13. It's called love you Des Moines Family Day. It's from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Valley Community Center. And it's an afternoon filled with family oriented activities. And our hope is to love and serve our community and build bridges With our Community through this event, so this is not just a valley Church event for Valley church families to come to. We want families from the community to participate as a way for us to build connections with them and to be good neighbors. So there's going to be a variety of things going on. There's going to be athletic things happening in the gym, there's going to be STEM activities. There's video gameplay. There's Lego building, there's some arts and crafts that are going to be going on. And The thing is that we need middle and high school students to help lead those various events all throughout the afternoon. So there's a sign up genius that students can go to to sign up for any number of things, and

if they want to serve all afternoon, they can do that. Or if they just want to pick one time slot, the the serving slots are mostly in one hour increments.

So I wanted to let you know in case students had questions. We need students open to all middle and high school students to serve and help lead this event. We could also use some [adult help](#). So if you want to help out on the sign up genius, there are some slots for front door greeters. There's also [some slots](#) for adult supervision throughout the afternoon.

So thanks for your help in helping us promote and carry out this event and mobilize students to use their God-given abilities to love their community.

On Wednesday, May 1st, there's a volunteer dinner for you and your family at my house in Norwalk. We're going to serve fazoli's pasta and breadsticks. It's a free meal that we want to bless your family and let you have a time to just hang out with other volunteers and play in our yard As a way for Jodi and I to say thank you for everything you've done this year, that's on Wednesday, May 1st.

You'll be receiving an invitation in the mail about that.

Then finally, instead of talking about the how to win as a volunteer document, I want to challenge you to take a bold faith move if that's something you're not already doing in your life. a bold faith move is something that you feel after prayer And consideration, you feel like God is laying something on your heart.

To do something uncomfortable out of your comfort zone that's going to grow you and stretch you in your faith as you take a step out and the way you do this is you simply, I think you pray over a period of time, days, weeks, months say God, what bold faith move do you want me to take?

And be open handed. It could be in regards to friendships. It could be within your family. It could be about finances, your career service, something in your community, maybe something that's been lingering and you've known you. You've needed to do it for a long Time, whatever that is, I encourage you to pray about it and then obediently respond. And as you step out in faith, I believe God is going to increase your faith, even though it might be a little uncomfortable. It's something I'm praying for in my own life, and I encourage you To do the same, if it's something you're not doing.

Thanks for checking in. We'll see you this Wednesday!